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LAKE COUNTY: LAW COVERS LOCAL SERVICES

Durbin demands respect at military funerals

By KATHY GRESEY

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GURNEE - Protesting at any military funeral soon could be a criminal offense.

During a gathering at American Legion Post 771 in Gurnee, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., announced that a bill prohibiting disruptions at military funerals recently was passed by Congress and was on its way to President Bush.

The Respect for the Funerals of Fallen Heroes Act is a secondary step in protecting military funerals and similar gatherings from protesters.

In May 2006, Congress enacted Bush's Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act, which prohibits demonstrations at and around national cemeteries.

The new legislation would make intentionally disrupting a local funeral within 300 feet of its location a criminal misdemeanor.

Illinois has had 17 funerals



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U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., shares a lighter moment with Sandy and Bob Ochsner, of Beach Park, after Durbin announced Congressional approval of the Respect for the Funerals of Fallen Heroes Act.

and similar services disrupted since June 2005. Only Kansas has had more.

"Sadly, there are groups that have been targeting these services, and unfortunately they have been targeting Illinois," Durbin said. "They don't speak for many - if any - of us."

Last year, Beach Park residents Bob and Sandy Ochsner were victims of one such protest. It was at a memorial service for their son, James.

"It was a pretty startling thing to see, with the placards saying, 'I'm glad your son is dead,'" Bob said. "I'm hoping

[others] won't have to go through what we went through."

During James' service, Bob said, protesters justified their presence with the claim that U.S. soldiers were fighting abroad to protect the rights of homosexuals back home.

A group that comes out in support of military funerals attended the American Legion Hall gathering on Dec. 13.

The Patriot Guard Riders was formed last year. And most members of the organization are military veterans.

"We'll stand for any veteran that stood for us," said Ed Mueller, national director of the Patriot Guard Riders, adding that his group only attends military funerals by invitation. "We're there to support the families, the community and anyone in arms."

If enacted, the Respect for the Funerals of Fallen Heroes Act not only would provide protection from protesters at funerals, but also at funeral homes and houses of worship.

Interrupted in Illinois

Since June 2005, the ceremonies for the following military men have been disrupted in Illinois: Army Sgt. Kraig Foyteck (Skokie), Army Sgt. Robert J. Paul (Skokie), Army Sgt. Matthew J. Vosbein (West Frankfort), Army Sgt. Bradley H. Beste (Naperville), Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jerry Tharp (Galesburg), Army Cpl. Ryan J. Buckley (Hillsboro), Army Pfc. Caleb A. Lufkin (Galesburg), Army Chief Warrant Officer 2nd Class Christopher Donaldson (Shumway), Marine Lance Cpl. Philip Martini (South Holland), Marine Lance Cpl. Jonathan Kyle Price (Woodlawn), Army Staff Sgt. Gary Harper (Virden), Army Sgt. First Class James Ochsner (Beach Park), Army Pvt. Christopher M. Alcozer (Northlake), Army Sgt. Kyle B. Wehrly (Galesburg), Army 1st Lt. David L. Giaino (Zion), Marine Gunnery Sgt. Terry Ball Jr. (East Peoria), and Army Spc. Brian M. Romines (Anna).

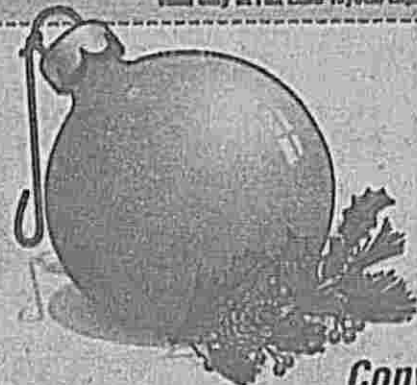
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● **Editor's Choice** by Larry Lough

Someone has to deliver the 'bad news'

"Over the past several months I have read quite a lot of negative press concerning ..."

That was the start of a letter to the editor received this week.

"Negative press" - we've heard that term before.

What does it mean?

Some people in public life - usually politicians - will tell news reporters, "I don't care what you say about me; just spell my name right" (Something this column failed to do last week with Louis

Vuitton).

They theorize that any publicity is good publicity, that the public will forget the details but remember the name.

But others in public life - usually politicians - bemoan the "negative" news that, they say, the media love to report.

People might say they hate "bad news," but they love to read it. "Bad news" always attracts more people than "good news." The same way conflict is always more readable than consensus.

But "bad" and "good" are relative

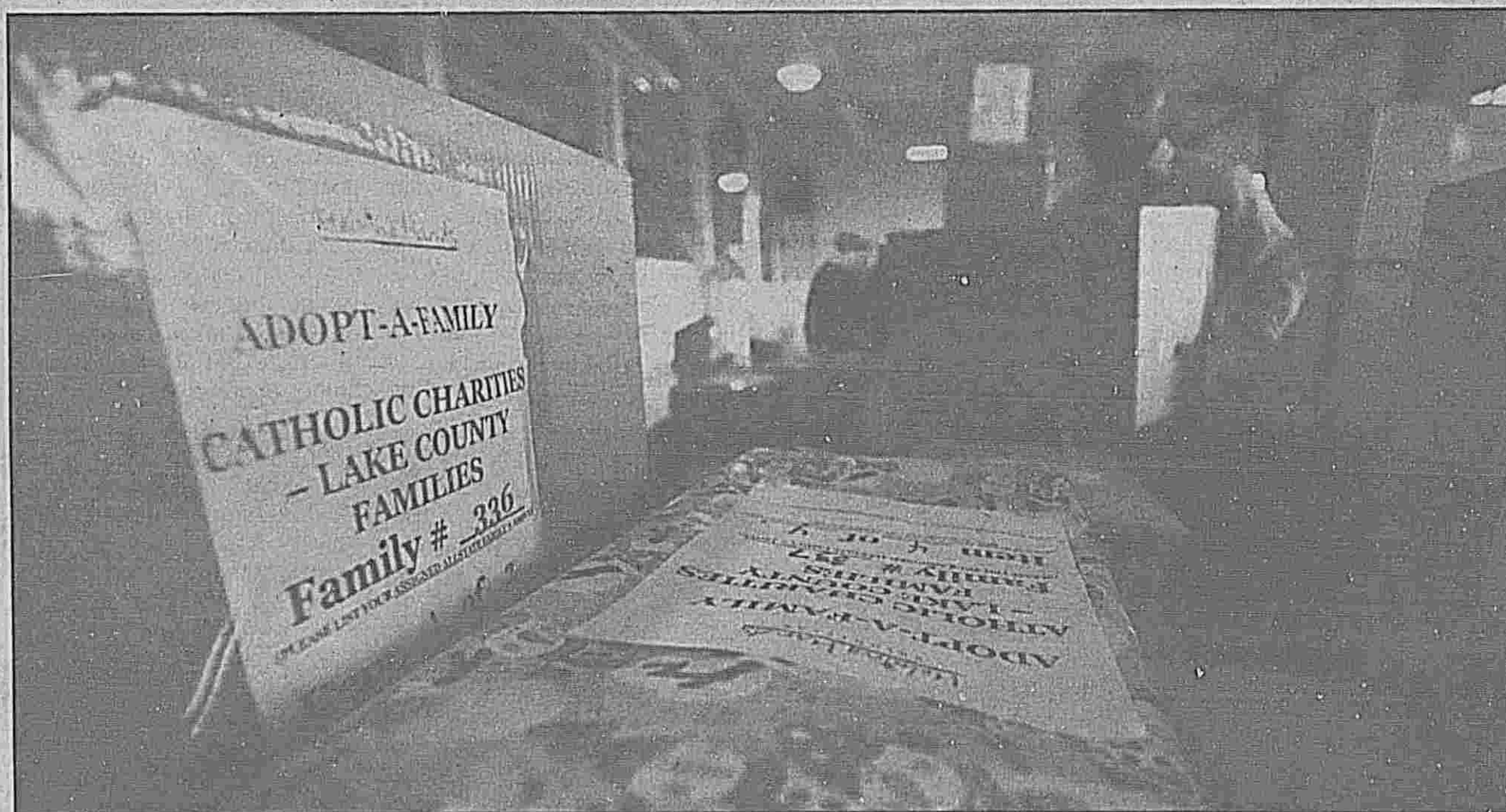
terms. The mayor will think news about a scandal in his administration is "bad"; his political adversaries might think it's "good."

So it is with "positive press" and "negative press." Depends on whether you agree or disagree with the message, whether you are harmed or helped by the exposure.

Good or bad, we always want to hear from you. Please, keep in touch at lough@nwnewsgroup.com.

Thanks for reading the Journal.

● **This Week's Highlights**



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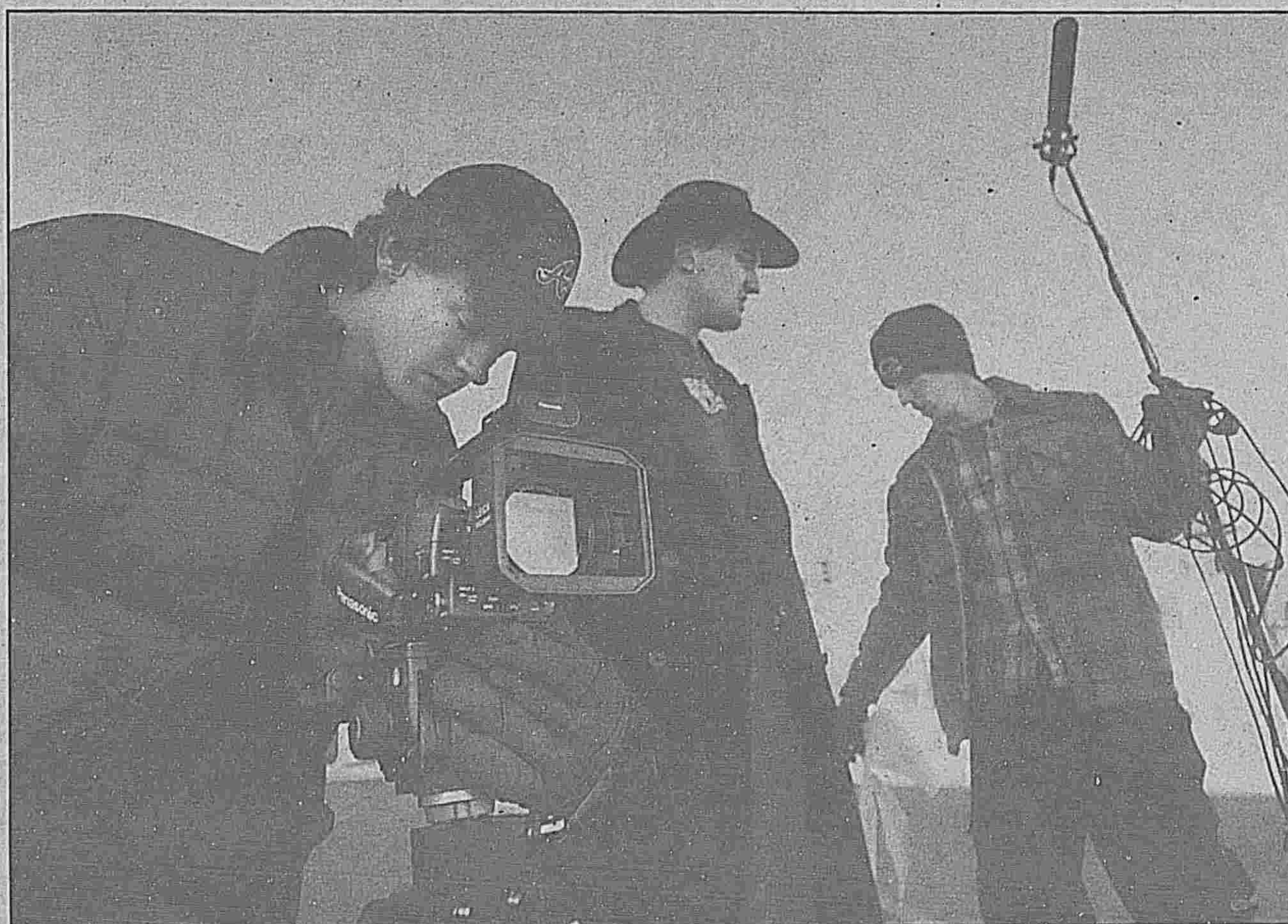
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Quote of the Week

"We're teaching kids to be good citizens. By learning we become successful, and when we become successful it is our responsibility to help others."
—Eric Skoog, School District 34 student assistance program coordinator on students' recent volunteer work (see story on A9)



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James Lee (center), of Antioch, directs a scene in the short film "Russell" along with cinematographer Jeremy Lane (left) and sound gaffer Jeremy Clayton. Lee's film is centered on a man's realization of which relationships matter through his handicapped brother.

Local resident shoots film in Antioch

Independent movie
also filmed in other
Lake County villages

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH — On a cold, sunny Dec. 19 morning, Jack Guasta screamed on the corner of Orchard and Main streets.

"Russell!" Guasta, 38, shouted at the top of his lungs.

Then James Lee, 20, shook his head and belted out "RUSSELL!"

So goes the typical interaction between director and actor, a process that includes teaching, listening, and repeating the same things.

That Dec. 19, Lee and his crew shot scenes of a independent movie he is directing, called "Russell." The movie is about Russell, a mentally and physically disabled man, and his brother, Edward.

After the two are orphaned, Edward is left to care for his older brother, putting a strain on his life.

The movie also has been shot in Grayslake, Vernon Hills, Lake Zurich, and Chicago, Lee said.

Lee, of Antioch, said the film lasts 7 to 10 minutes and he plans on peddling it to film festivals and posting it on the Internet.

When Lee and Guasta were yelling at each other, that was Lee trying to make Guasta give a more emotional performance.

The scene they were filming showed Edward running toward Russell, trying to stop him from crossing a busy street.

Lee and his film crew are all students of Bob Jones University in South Carolina, he said.

Choosing to tape the movie in Lake County was a no-brainer, Lee said.

"It's really easy to get to a suburb," compared to Chicago, Lee said. "And when you're a local, people are really helpful."

For example, Lee said he asked the vil-

lage for only one lane of Orchard Street, but he was given the entire road from Main to Depot streets for four hours.

And police were very diligent in setting up road blocks and directing traffic.

"They have been amazing," Lee said. "They've done more than we asked."

Scott J. Sumerak, 33, who portrays Russell, said Lee has been great to work with.

"James is pretty thorough," Sumerak said. "He knows what he wants."

That is probably because the 20-year-old has been involved in filmmaking since high school.

Dave Thomas, 19, of Gurnee, who is producing "Russell," used to make movies with Lee when they were students at Westlake Christian Academy in Grayslake.

And Lee didn't take long to move up the ladder from there. He has done various projects, including working on the set of the television series "Prison Break."

And all he wants to do is keep going. "Gotta shake hands with [Quentin] Tarantino at some point," he said.

Our Town

Deserving recognition

During the Village Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Dec. 18, two Antioch firefighters were honored for their rescue of a 14-year-old boy.

Mayor Dorothy Larson gave firefighters Jeff Stecher and Troy Sondag special plaques thanking them for rescuing Ben Maerzke two weeks ago.

Maerzke was hunting with family and friends on Dec. 2, at the New Munster Wildlife Area when his party discovered he was missing.

Using the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, rescue crews were sent in from all around northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Stecher and Sondag found Maerzke in a snow-covered ditch in a state of hypothermia.



Tara Clifton

The crowd that stuffed itself into the Village Hall on Monday gave a standing ovation for the two firefighters as Ben stood

shyly next to them.

"Thank you for all of your service," Larson said. "We truly appreciate it."

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Holiday Lights of Antioch competition! Contestants decked out their houses in the Christmas spirit, and Liz Schmehl, 2 East Vandermeer in the Arbors of Windmill Creek, took home first place. She won \$300 in gift certificates from the Antioch Chamber of Commerce.

Jeanine Borkowicz, 902 Heather in Tiffany Farms, won \$150 for second place. Third place and \$50 went out to Brian Jones of 1251 Kathleen Court in Neuhausen subdivision.

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LINDENHURST

Village breaks ground for new station

More legal hurdles lie ahead before construction can begin on fire station

By TARA CLIFTON
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LINDENHURST - The end is now in sight for the Lake Villa Fire Protection District's new station.

After years of searching for land, securing funds to buy that land, working with the county, and doing all the other details that go along with such a project, officials gathered at the station's site Monday for a groundbreaking ceremony.

The mood was jovial as village and county trustees laughed with police, fire and township officials.

Everyone joked about the blinding sunlight, and Lindenhurst Mayor James Betustak giddily threw a shovel full of dirt and grass.

"There are daffodils in there!" joked Lindenhurst Village Administrator Jim Stevens when the shovels were plunged into the ground. "They're digging right into the daffodils."

Standing on the 2.5 acres at 1911 Grass Lake Road in Lindenhurst, where the new station will be built, Lake Villa Township Supervisor Dan Venturi laughed as he was playfully poked with an elbow to give a speech.

"This is a great moment for the community as a whole," Venturi said, wearing a white hard hat. "It shows our community working together."

The Village of Lindenhurst, Lake Villa Township, the Lake County Forest Preserve and other entities joined forces to make sure that the new station will be built.

But more legal hurdles need to be cleared before the station is finished, said Peter Parker, administrator for the Lake Villa Fire District.

Officials are working on getting building permits from the Lake County Department of Transportation and the Village of Lindenhurst, Parker said.

Parker said he and others from the fire district hope that construction will



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Lake Villa Fire District Chief Frank Slazes talks with Lindenhurst Mayor Jim Betustak following a groundbreaking for a new fire station on Grass Lake Road in Lindenhurst.

begin this month. The station could be ready for use by spring 2008.

Parker said that officials have estimated the cost of the station at \$3.7 million. Camosy Inc., based in

Waukegan, is overseeing construction. Sente, Rubel, Bosman, Lee Architects, based in Northbrook, are working on preliminary plans for the station, Parker said.

ANTIOCH

Residents debate D-34 referendum

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH - To say that the School District 34 Board of Education meeting, which took place on Dec. 19, was emotional would be quite an understatement.

Half of Antioch Elementary School's gym was full of people wanting to talk about the district's proposed spring referendum, and they spent more than an hour doing it.

Comments ranged from tearfully supportive to angrily hostile.

Cindy Jarosch of Antioch certainly made a mark when she spoke.

"If I had to pull all of your teeth out to get the truth, I would," she yelled at board members. "What about this Wal-Mart? What about this Menards going up? Don't ask us to pay money."

And although School Perceptions, an information gathering firm, did not use the same harsh lan-

guage, a representative delivered the same lesson to the board: People do not know enough about what officials are asking for.

Pat Quinn, vice president of the company, presented the results of its online survey, a questionnaire to gauge what people would vote for should a referendum go on the April ballot.

Quinn said that 53 percent of the more than 500 people who took the survey said they would support a \$45 million referendum that would build two new schools and pay for repairs to Antioch Elementary and Hillcrest Elementary School.

And people's comments ranged from asking about sewer systems to wondering what a multi-purpose room is.

"There are a great deal of people still out on the fence, and they want the facts," Quinn said. "There's still a large chunk of education that needs to be done."

Arthur Tabor of Lake Villa said he received a strange phone call that day from a person telling him to rally against the referendum.

"Well I don't agree with that," Tabor said. "The responsibility of the school board is not to save money. [It's] to provide services to the community."

ANTIOCH

Village takes next step to remove water tower

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH - The village made a baby step closer to getting rid of the old water tower on Toft Street.

Village trustees hired on Monday, Dec. 18, Radicom of McHenry to install new antennas on a future cell tower, which will make the antennas and the water tower obsolete.

The village will pay Radicom \$9,628.52 to do this,

with the Antioch Fire Department eventually paying its own portion, said Village Administrator Mike Haley.

In October, the village approved a lease agreement with T-Mobile for the communications company to build a cell tower at 835 Holbek Drive, where the fire station is located.

T-Mobile will pay the village \$1,500 a month to rent the space for the tower.

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• If you have a "Neighbor" whom we should profile in this column, call Lake County Journals at (847) 223-8161 or e-mail us at antioch@weeklyjournals.com

Once around the town



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

The Cheberenck family, of Antioch, tours downtown Antioch in a horse-driven carriage ride.

Local Digest

Church service

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church will host its Christmas Eve service at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the church, 1501 Deep Lake Road.

For more information, contact Pastor Darald Gruen at (847) 395-9400 or the church office at

(847) 265-2451.

Christmas Open House

The Lighthouse Church of Antioch hopes to get the community in the Christmas spirit by holding a special open house. The event starts at 6 p.m. on

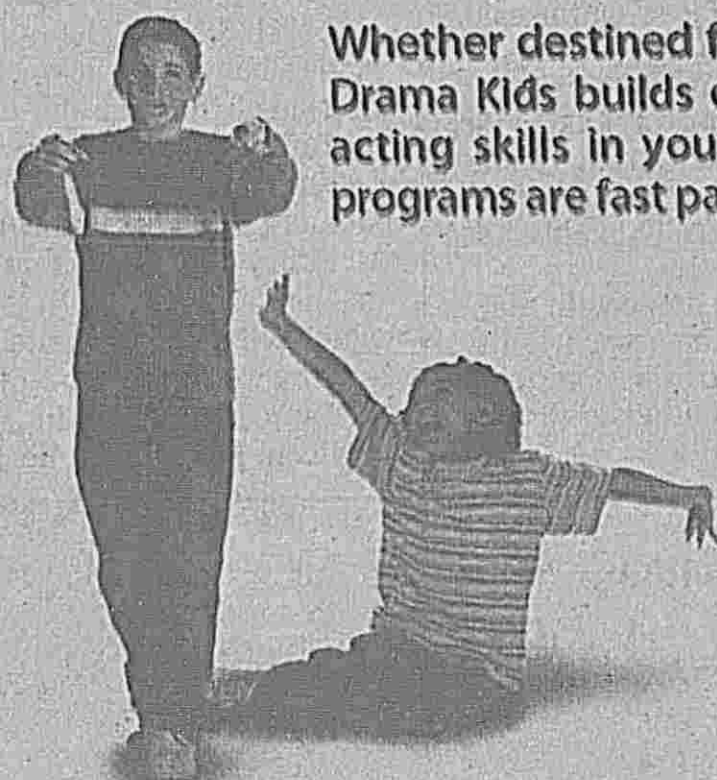
Saturday, Dec. 23 at the church, 554 Parkway, one block west of Route 83.

At 7 p.m. the Christmas songs service begins.

Call Pastor Tom Bartmer at (847) 838-0167 for more information.

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School Notes

SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

Millburn seeks support

Millburn District 24 asks that the community support its 7th Annual March Madness Dinner/Auction Benefit. This event raises funds to support the district's Cultural and Fine Arts, Curriculum Enrichment, Scholarship and Wellness programs. This year's event will take place on March 10 at Midlane Country Club, 18550 Millburn Road, in Wadsworth. Last year's auction raised \$65,000. Donations are greatly appreciated. The auction bid book will acknowledge donors. For information, call Therese Schmidt at (847) 356-5723.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

School board elections

Nominating petition forms are now available at the district office, 800 N. Main Street in Antioch. Four seats on the seven-member board of education are up for re-election on April 17. The terms last four years.

The forms can be picked up from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Call the district at (847) 838-8400 for more information.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

Toy drive success

Martin School donated 275 toys to the Toys for Tots program. The school thanks all those who helped.

Volunteer policy

The district has developed a new policy for those wishing to volunteer. Those who want to help out need to fill out a "Volunteer Information Form" in each school's office by Jan. 8. Only those who pass screening criteria will be able to volunteer.

Getting involved

Hooper School has created a student group, Students Arranging Volunteer Efforts (SAVE).

The group is to teach sixth graders leadership and the value of community service. Teachers have nominated two students from each class to serve on the group, which meets with the principal once a month during lunch and recess to plan service projects. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

Belt it out



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The Antioch High School Jazz Choir performs "Sending You a Little Christmas" during the school's Holiday Café. The event featured 26 songs performed by various choirs and bands from Antioch High School.

Births

Trinity Keilani Tolliver, a daughter, was born Nov. 1, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Brandi and Timothy Tolliver of Lindenhurst. Her brother is Noah, 1. Grandparents are Richard and Lynette Hayden of Jacksonville, Fla., and Timothy and Paulette Tolliver of Chicago. Great grandparents are Ruth and Reuben Rennie of Miami, Fla., and

RuthieMae Edward of Mounds.

James Joseph Adams, a son, was born Nov. 12, 2006 at Vista East Hospital, to Mike and Gretta Adams of Antioch. His brother is Paul, 3. Grandparents are Roberta Gronniger and (the late) Michael Gronniger and Donna Adams of Wauconda and (the late) Ronald Adams.

ANTIOCH

Students display their giving nature

By TARA CLIFTON

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ANTIOCH - School District 34 students have been in the giving mood these past few weeks.

Antioch Upper Grade School's student council has hosted a toy drive with the Builders Club of the Antioch Kiwanis, said Eric Skoog, the district's student assistance program coordinator.

The toys will be donated to the Marines' Toys for Tots program, Skoog said.

Students have been helping out by making signs, donating toys, and promoting the drive in other ways.

The student council also is collecting winter wear for those in need.

Coats, mittens, hats, snow pants, and other cozy items are needed for the Good

You can still help

Call Eric Skoog at (847) 838-8478 or donate items to Antioch Upper Grade School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Samaritans, Skoog said.

And the entire district is helping the Open Arms Mission in Antioch by donating food to its pantry, Skoog said.

Antioch Elementary School and Hillcrest Elementary School families are adopting other families for Christmas, filling the wish lists of those who wouldn't receive gifts otherwise.

"We're teaching kids to be good citizens," Skoog said. "By learning we become successful, and when we become successful it is our responsibility to help others."

GRAYSLAKE

Magic Glass offers security

By KATHY GRESEY

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GRAYSLAKE - After recovering from stage four cancer, Libertyville resident Jim Ware needed to make a living.

The man had sold his previous business while undergoing operations and chemotherapy, but then found he was well enough to work again.

While surfing the Internet, Ware came across ACE security laminates.

The company makes a micro-thin, transparent window film that can stop bullets in their tracks.

Ware was so intrigued by the company, he decided to open an ACE dealership of his own.

He now sells security laminates that can protect windows from crowbars, bullets and bombs.

"Nobody has heard of this," Ware said of the product he sells, which was developed in Canada. "It's designed to prevent glass from breaking. It cuts down noise. And it blocks 99 percent of UV rays."



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

Jim Ware strikes a one-eighth-inch thick window coated with ACE Security Laminates.

Ace laminates are applied to existing windows.

Once covered with the security film, a half-inch piece of glass will withstand a .44 magnum bullet, according to the Web site www.acesecuritylaminates.com.

All the details

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Phone: (888) 645-2778

Web: www.acesecuritylaminates.com

The Web site goes on to say that the laminate is used at airports, government buildings and medical centers.

It costs about \$10 a square foot and can be bought from Ware in Grayslake.

"[The product] is guaranteed for life," he said. "Once you have it, you have it. You don't have to worry about it."

Ken Wood, operations manager at Magic Glass, said he was convinced the product worked after he tried to break a window covered with the laminate.

"You see it. But when you actually do it, it's amazing," he said.

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ANTIOCH

• **Antioch Public Library District Board meeting.** 7 p.m., last Tuesdays. 757 N. Main St. Call (847) 395-0874 to confirm.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.

• **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **CPR classes.** 6 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays. Squad Building, 835 Holbek Dr., sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad. \$5 fee. Call (847) 395-5511 to learn more.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.

• **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrioni@hotmail.com for more information.

• **Antioch Jaycees meeting.** 7:30 p.m., last Mondays. Regency Inn. For more information, call (847) 395-8035.

• **AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meeting.** 1 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Sharon Nowak at (847) 395-5068 to learn more.

• **Irish-American Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Thursdays. State Bank of the Lakes. Call (847) 395-3942 for details.

• **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

BARRINGTON

• **Grandparents Who Are Raising Their Grandchildren support group meeting.** 10-11:30 a.m., Thursdays. Call Stephanie Loda at (847) 432-4981 for details.

FOX LAKE

• **Fox Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors luncheon.** Noon, fourth Tuesdays. Call (847) 587-7474 or visit www.discoverfoxlake.com for more information.

• **Village of Fox Lake Board meeting.** 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 26. Council Chambers, 66 Thillen Dr. Visit www.foxlake.org or call (847) 587-2151 for details.

• **Village of Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.** 7:30 p.m., second Wednesdays and fourth Thursdays. Council Chambers, 66 Thillen Dr. Visit www.foxlake.org or

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• **Village of Fox Lake Finance Committee meeting.** 6 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Council Chambers, 66 Thillen Dr. Visit www.foxlake.org or call (847) 587-2151 for details.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Thursdays. American Legion Auxiliary Post 703, 703 N. Rt. 12. Call (847) 587-2323 for information.

• **Bingo.** 7 p.m., Saturdays. Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 114 Washington St.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly support group meeting.** 6:15 p.m., Tuesdays. Fox Lake Community Center, South St. Call Jan at (847) 587-2727 for information.

• **American Legion Post 703 meeting.** 7:45 p.m., fourth Wednesdays. Legion Hall, N. Rt. 12. Call (847) 587-2179 for information.

GRAYSLAKE

• **Business Network International meeting.** 7:15 a.m., Thursdays. University Center of Lake County, 1200 University Center Dr. BNI, a coalition of businesses, has one person per occupation. Members share referrals. Call Cathy Donohoe at (847) 543-1537 for details.

• **Stepmoms Offering Support to Stepmoms meeting.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays in the Grayslake area. Call Tina at (847) 543-4768 for details.

GURNEE

• **LeTip Networking Group meeting.** 7:01-8:31 a.m., Wednesdays. Panera Bread, 6557 Grand Ave. Local business owners promote their businesses and exchange leads. Guests are free. For more information, call Dennis Dean at (847) 231-3009.

• **Gagewood Lions Club meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Wednesdays. Warren Township Center, 17801 Washington St.

• **Or Tikvah Sisterhood meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. For more information, call (847) 856-1440.

• **Viking Park Singers rehearsals.** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Viking Park Dance Hall. Interested singers are welcome.

• **Lake County Mother of Twins and More Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Joy Lutheran Church, 749 S. Hunt Club Rd. Call (866) 248-7670, ext. 1264, before attending.

• **Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meeting.** 8:30 a.m., Saturdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Call Chuck at (847) 362-5458 for details.

• **Lake County Philatelic Society meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays.

Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. Area stamp collectors are invited. For more information, call (847) 244-4048.

HAWTHORN WOODS

• **Jim Hendricks in concert.** 8 and 10:45 a.m. services, Sunday, Dec. 31. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 24500 N. Old McHenry Rd. The internationally known pianist will play traditional Gospel and contemporary Christian music. For more information, call (847) 438-7709.

INGLESIDE

• **Fox Lake/Round Lake Area Rotary meeting.** Noon, Fridays at Za Za's, 69 Washington.

• **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

• **Grant Township Republican Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Township Building, 26725 W. Molidor Rd. Call (847) 740-2233 for more information.

JOHNSBURG

• **Village of Johnsburg Finance Committee meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Wednesdays.

• **Friends of the Johnsburg Library meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Wednesdays. Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 W. Johnsburg Rd.

LAKE VILLA

• **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

• **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.

• **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LAKE ZURICH

• **"The Nutcracker" presented by Illinois Youth Dance Theatre.** Friday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 23, 2 and 7 p.m. Lake Zurich High School Performing Arts Center, 300 Church St. For tickets, call (815) 675-9359.

• **The Village Singers rehearsal.** 7:30 p.m., Mondays. Good Shepherd Bible Church, 330 S. Old Rand Rd. The Village Singers of Lake Zurich are a non-audition, community, mixed choir. Call Jeannine Saltman at (847)

726-2011 to learn more.

LIBERTYVILLE

• **"A Way Out" meeting.** 7 p.m., Fridays. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. An Alcoholics Anonymous group for gays, lesbians and straights. Call (e-mail) Linda West (847) 735-1230 (Lcwest1@yahoo.com) for details.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting.** 7 p.m., fifth Fridays. For families and friends of alcoholics. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. Call or e-mail Jack at (847) 845-6829

(yessid1@comcast.net) or Janet at (847) 921-4227 (jnelson@cole-martin.net) for details.

• **Widowed Outreach Network of Lake County meeting.** 1:45-3:30 p.m., fourth Sundays. Condell's Allen Conference Center, 700 Garfield. For more information, call (847) 990-5275 or (847) 367-0087.

• **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. Call Michele Birkey at (847) 367-1020 for details.

• **Fibromyalgia self-help group meeting.** 7:30 p.m., fourth Thursdays. Adult Day Care Center, Condell Hospital, 700 Garfield Ave. For more information, call (847) 362-8977.

• **Bicycle Club of Lake County meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church St. Beginners and experts welcome. For more information, call (847) 604-0520 or visit www.bikeclub.com.

LINDENHURST

• **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

McHENRY

• **Fibromyalgia support group meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Northern Illinois Medical Center (Centegra). For more information, call Lois at (815) 653-7171.

MILLBURN

• **Millburn Chapter 570, Order of the Eastern Star meeting.** 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. Millburn Masonic Lodge, Rt. 45 near Grass Lake Road. For more information, call Worthy Matron Clarissa Mellen at (847) 224-3698.

ROUND LAKE

• **Bingo.** 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. St. Joseph's, Lincoln Ave. Doors open at 3:45 p.m.

• **Knights of Columbus Bingo.** 3 p.m., Sundays. St. Joseph's Church,

114 N. Lincoln, Round Lake.

• **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

ROUND LAKE BEACH

• **Lake County Community Health Partnership Immunization Clinic.** 4-6 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Condell Acute Care Center, 2 E. Rollins Rd. For more information, call (847) 377-8470.

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS

• **Round Lake Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr. New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422, to learn more.

SPRING GROVE

• **Fox Lake School District 114 Board of Education meeting.** 7 p.m., fourth Tuesdays. Lotus School, 29067 W. Grass Lake Rd.

WAUCONDA

• **Bingo.** 7 p.m., Mondays. American Legion Post 911 Hall, 515 S. Main St.

• **Parents Care and Share meeting.** 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays. A free support group for parents. Call Adelia Munoz at (847) 432-4981 for information.

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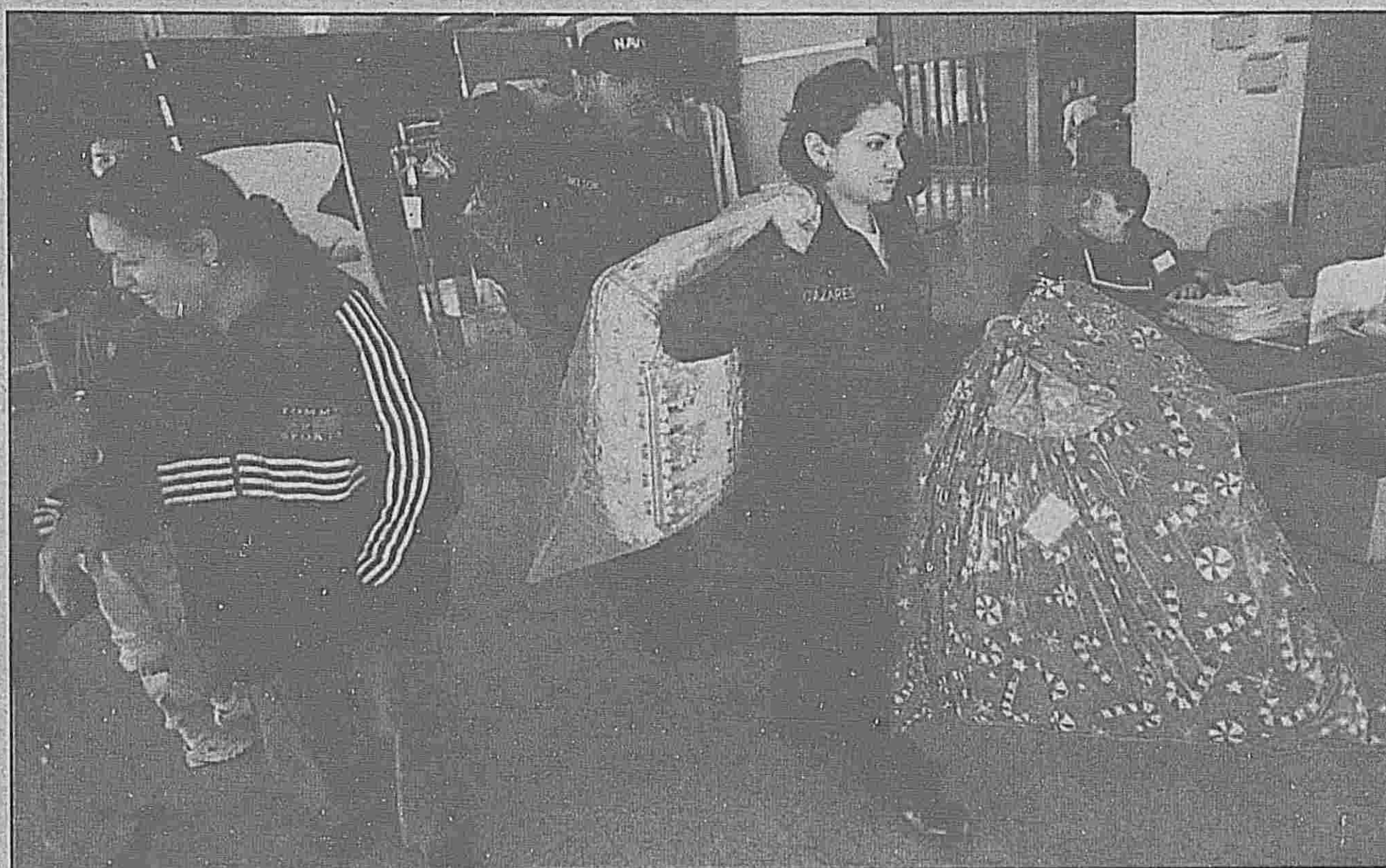
• **Christian Singles meeting.** Noon, Saturday, Dec. 30. Wesley Church, 3601 N. Lewis Ave. Bring a dish to pass and a table game to play. For those who are widowed, divorced or never married, ages 50 and up. All are welcome. For more information, call (847) 244-1632 or (847) 623-6647.

ZION

• **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Mondays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

• **Zion Park District Senior Citizens Club meeting.** 10 a.m., Wednesdays. Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave.

• *To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.*



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Gilda Cazares and Terrell Nelson (volunteers from the Navy) help carry presents to a family's car as part of Catholic Charities' annual Christmas Gift Program. The Lake County location will be distributing more than 12,000 gifts to local families in need, about 1,000 more than last year.

Donating more than presents

Catholic Charities gives gifts, happiness to residents in need

By MATT PERA
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WAUKEGAN - Vince Abate saw his share of tearful gratitude while working at the Catholic Charities, Lake County Services, Christmas Gift Program.

Vince and his wife, Suzanne, served as volunteers for the charitable event, which took place from Dec. 10 to 18 at the former Reed-Randle Ford Dealership, 3100 Grand Ave. in Waukegan.

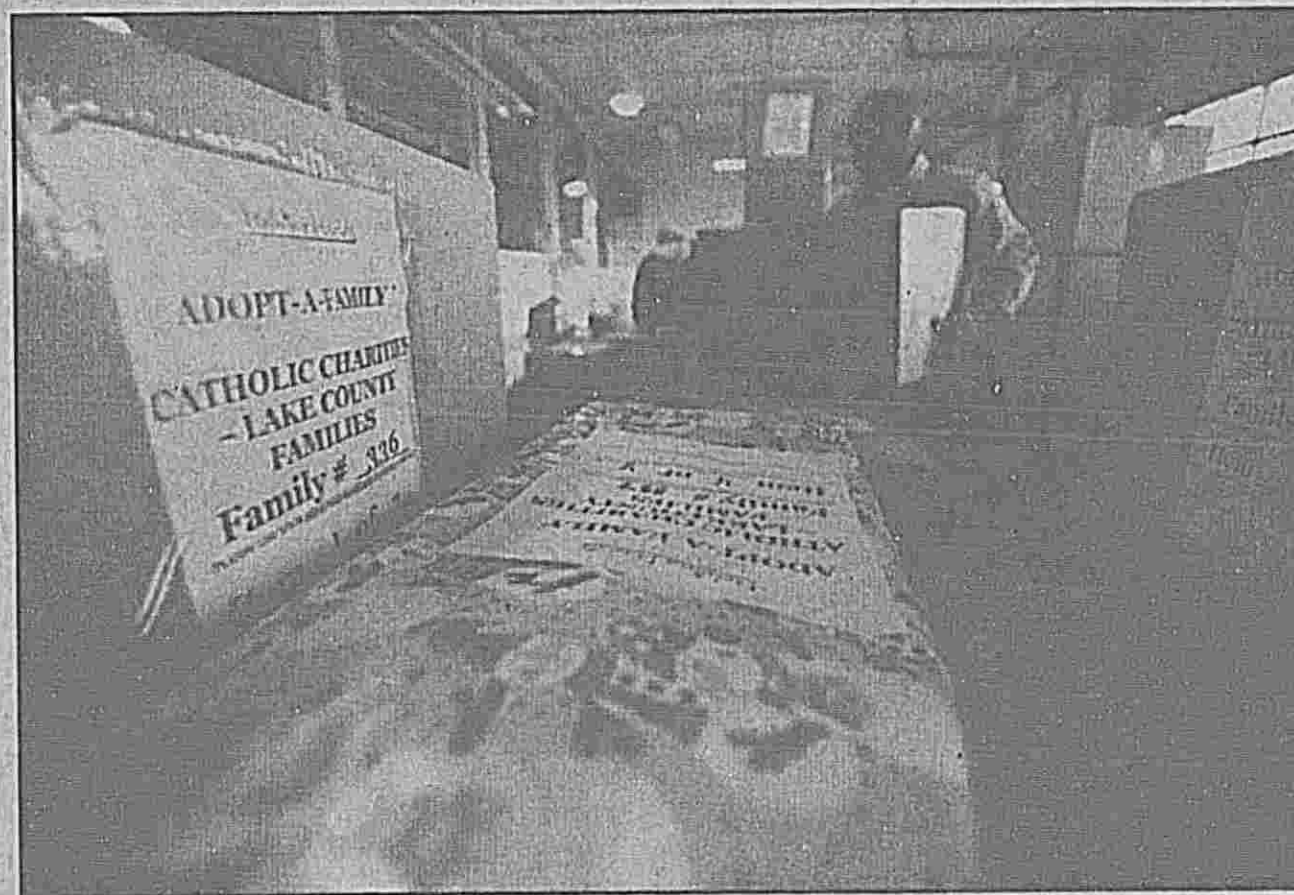
Vince spent most of his time doling out the 265 bikes that were donated as gifts.

He recalled one woman who, upon seeing the bike that was meant for her child, began to cry.

"I said, 'Is something wrong?'" Vince recalled. "And she said, 'My brother was killed on Monday and ... people told me I'd never have another happy Christmas, but now this is going to make it happy for me.'"

Suzanne said the experience of seeing residents from all around Lake County receiving gifts for their children and themselves was overwhelming.

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Palettes of gifts are organized and unwrapped as Catholic Charities volunteers help with the annual Christmas Gift Program. Among the items distributed were 265 bikes.

Uncertain future for Bears' player

Gurnee resident loses friend in recent shooting

BY EMILY PREVITI
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Terry "Tank" Johnson has endured the loss of a friend and his third arrest in 18 months during the past week. Now, his future with the Chicago Bears, and as a free man, appear uncertain.

At press time Dec. 18, Johnson was still listed as a member of the team. Coaches were continuing to gather more information to make a decision as to whether the defensive tackle would remain active for the remainder of the season.

Johnson sat out the Bears' game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Dec. 17. Coach Lovie Smith decided to sit Johnson after police seized firearms and marijuana from his home during a raid Dec. 14.

Johnson was not home at that time, but turned himself into Gurnee police later that day.

Less than 36 hours after Johnson had left the Gurnee police station, his housemate and friend of 10 years died during a shooting at a club in Chicago.

Doctors at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 251 E. Huron St., in Chicago pronounced William Posey, 26, dead around 2 a.m. Dec. 16.

According to Johnson's attorney Tom Briscoe, Johnson and Posey had arrived at the Ice Bar, 738 N. Clark St., eight minutes before the shooting happened.

Briscoe said a bullet entered Posey's body through his arm and lodged in his heart.

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Terry "Tank" Johnson



William Posey

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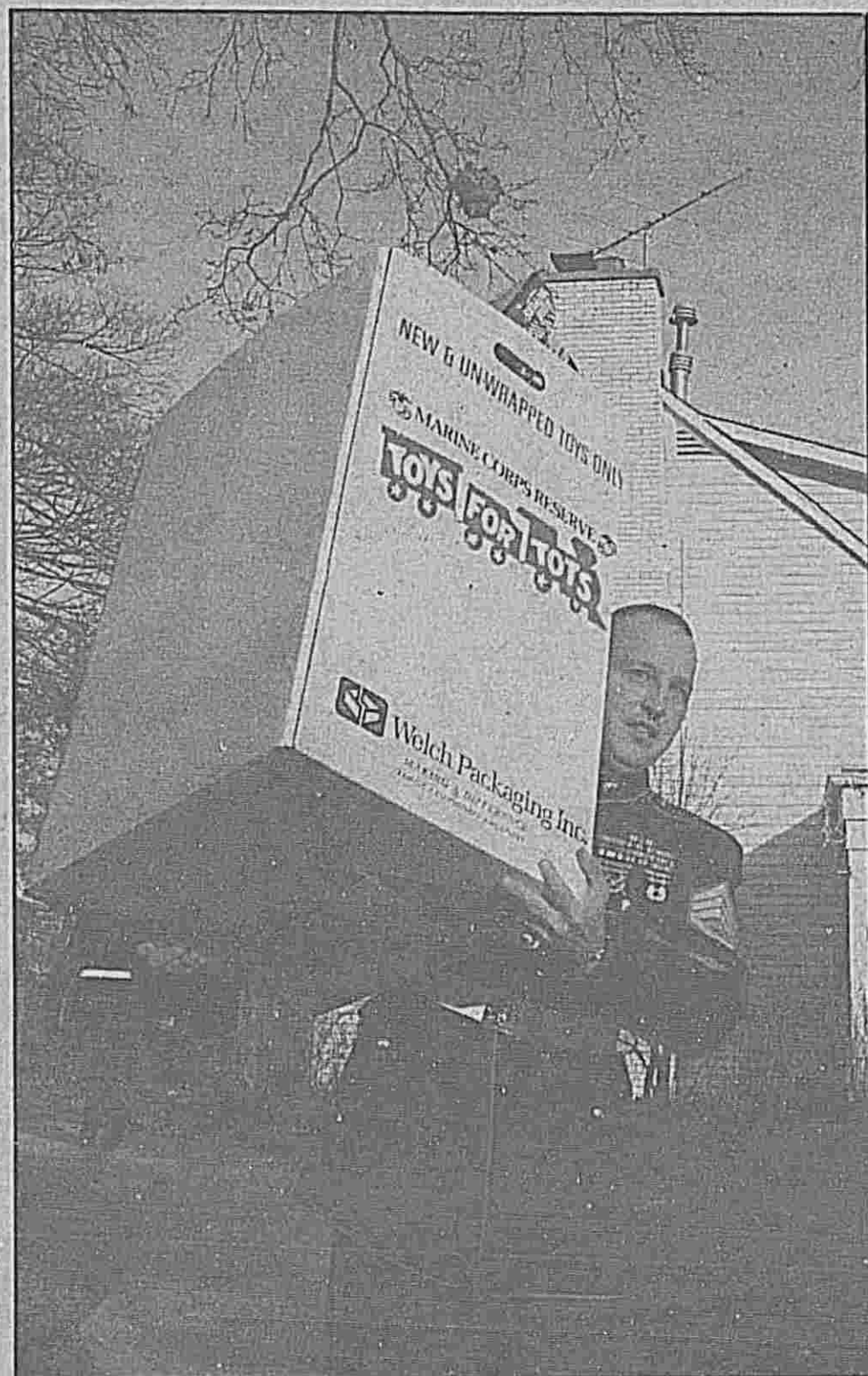
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Lifting spirits



Staff Sgt. Kevin Pendexter, of the U.S. Marine Corps, carries a box full of new and unwrapped toys collected at various Lake County Forest Preserve locations for the Toys for Tots campaign.

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Sheriff urges residents to celebrate holidays with care

WAUKEGAN — Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran is urging all Lake County residents to use sound judgment when celebrating this holiday season.

"I am committed to keeping Lake County roads free of intoxicated drivers," Curran added. "The sheriff's office recognizes the need to celebrate during this wonderful season. I would ask that our citizens celebrate responsibly and refrain from getting behind the wheel of a car when intoxicated."

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD), in 2005, more than 1,300 people died on Illinois highways. Close to 50 percent of the fatalities were the result of alcohol and/or drug impairment.

The majority of these accidents occur on weekends between 8 p.m. and 3:30 a.m.

Decreasing the amount of alcohol consumed or ensuring a sober ride home can substantially help decrease these numbers.

"The loss of a loved one due to the selfish and careless act of drinking and driving is inexcusable," Curran said. "I can assure you our deputies will do the best they can to find and arrest motorists who have been over served."

The public is encouraged to call the sheriff's office or a local police jurisdiction in the event he or she spots what they believe could be a person driving under the influence.

"I am certain that with the assistance of the public and the hard work of our deputies, we can make this holiday season safer for all Lake County motorists," Curran said.

YWCA accepting scholarship applications from senior girls

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WAUKEGAN — The YWCA Lake County is accepting applications for the Dr. Minnie P. Leggette Young Women of Achievement Scholarship Award.

This \$1,000 scholarship honors the memory of Dr. Minnie Leggette, who was not only an active YWCA board member but also had enjoyed a long association with YWCA as a Y-Teen.

The scholarship provides financial opportunities for a high school senior girl who lives and attends school in Lake County and is college bound.

Application forms are available at the YWCA Lake County, 2133 Belvidere Road, in Waukegan or by calling Debbie Larker at (847) 662-4247, ext. 102.

Applicants may also visit the YWCA Web site at www.ywcalakecounty.org and download the forms. Applicants are to submit the required forms by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2007.

The scholarship award will be given to the winning applicant at the 29th Annual Women of Achievement Awards dinner which will take place at 6 p.m. on May 11, 2007 at Chevy Chase County Club in Wheeling.

Zion shooting, recent events shed light on deeper issues

By EMILY PREVITI
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ZION — Saffiyya and Sharif Darr have not stayed in the same place for more than a night or two during the weeks after a shooting in their home left a 16-year-old dead, according to Anthony "Drac" Brown.

Brown works for Ceasefire, an organization that educates, reaches out to, and mobilizes communities to stop violence. Ceasefire started in Chicago, but expanded to North Chicago and Waukegan six months ago.

Brown said he knows the Darrs on a personal level, but recently interacted with them on a professional one under grave circumstances.

On Dec. 1, Saffiyya shot Gerrell Davis when he entered her home in an attempted bur-

glary. Davis, 16, was armed with a .22-caliber rifle.

Neither person had a Fire Owners Identification (FOID) information card, according to Zion Police Chief Doug Malcolm. State law prohibits minors from owning guns, and requires the FOID card to show that a gun holder's background has been checked out. Police did not charge Saffiyya, Malcolm said.

Since then, Lake County prosecutors have charged two other teenage boys with home invasion. They remain at the Juvenile Detention Center in Depue. The boys and Davis attended Zion-Benton Township High School, where Davis played football.

Zion-Benton Principal Scott Murphy said staff and administration had implemented the school's crisis plan, which in-

Watch for it

This article introduces a three-part series that will start Jan. 5. The series examines the violence among youth in North Chicago, Waukegan and Zion; its basis in, and impacts upon community, economy and family.

cluded a briefing first thing Dec. 4.

The school lacks a school resource officer, the person who typically acts as a liaison between a school and its responding law enforcement agency, according to Murphy.

Murphy added that staff members attend workshops to learn about gang issues.

Hasan Hakeem heads Ahmadiyya, Lake County's Muslim community, to which the

Darrs belong.

Hakeem has called for a meeting of community leaders to discuss the event's implications in the community. A date has not been set.

"Some people are saying it was gang shooting, [but] it was not," Hakeem said.

Ceasefire avoids using the word "gang," Brown explained, to emphasize individual responsibility in hopes of quelling violence that a group mentality facilitates.

Brown affirmed that the Darrs have received threats that people would break their windows and throw explosives at their house. Malcolm denied this and said they left their home to escape the media.

Brown explained that relatives of the Darrs live in Waukegan, where he does most

of his work for Ceasefire. The potential for reactive violence there, coupled with his personal ties to Zion and the families, prompted Brown to venture outside of Ceasefire's defined service area.

"It's an eye for an eye syndrome," Brown said. "Certain people don't want to see it. They don't look at it like the South Side of Chicago, and they are finding out the hard way that this [outreach and intervention] is needed."

As Hakeem sees it, poverty drives the problem; in this case, Davis and his accomplices targeted the Darrs' home because they thought the couple had designer apparel for their eBay business.

"There are pockets of poverty in Lake County that are so deep," he said.

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Our View

Nobel Peace goes to bank

The winners of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize were an economist and the bank he founded.

It's hard to imagine money as the basis of the prize.

The names we associate with the Peace Prize are Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr. and Albert Schweitzer.

The organizations are more along the lines of Doctors Without Borders, Amnesty International, the Red Cross and UNICEF.

Not an economist. Never before. Not a bank. Never before.

But "banker to the poor" Muhammad Yunus, 66, and Grameen Bank, which he founded in his native Bangladesh, were presented the Peace Prize on Sunday in Oslo.

Yunus is credited with inventing microfinancing, which lends money to the poorest of the poor in the poorest of poor countries.

The money might be used to buy tools, cattle or twine. With those, they can start or expand small businesses, lifting themselves out of the depths of poverty while repaying the loan. With profits, business people can afford to reinvest in their communities, possibly bringing in electric power, san-

itary systems or schools.

"Lasting peace cannot be achieved unless large population groups find ways in which to get out of poverty," according to the Norwegian Nobel Committee. Microfinancing alone will not do it, but it can play a major part in it.

The loans are small, an average of \$200. Collateral is not required by Grameen Bank, but the interest rate is high, about 30 percent. Interest is waived for some, but the pay-back rate is an astonishing 99 percent.

The bank is not a charity or a social-welfare program.

Microfinancing is social banking where the bottom line is not maximizing profits but spreading wealth.

A World Bank study indicates that about 5 percent of Grameen borrowers get out of poverty annually, the Times reported. More than 3,000 similar banks have been established in the past 30 years. But Yunus urges more banks to lend to the poor; he has the business model.

Microfinancing is a direct shot at terrorism. Yunus' weapon is money, not guns. Poverty and injustice are the root causes of terrorism, he said Sunday.

If more will listen and lend, peace will rise, if slowly.



Seeing it Through

Democrats' control of Congress should not lead to more gerrymandering

It was amazing to many political analysts that on the eve of the last election, President George W. Bush's chief political strategist, Karl Rove, insisted that the Republicans would maintain control of both houses of Congress.

He was reading the same polls as everyone else, and some could understand that the GOP might keep control of the U. S. Senate, but the odds of holding the House were slim. Everyone thought that he was just keeping an optimistic facade.

I think that Rove really believed it. Rove, considering the Republican late charge in the last two elections, was convinced that they would pull it off again. He was banking on the usually difficult task of unseating entrenched incumbents, and the well-oiled GOP machinery in the get-out-the vote drive, including absentee and early voting.

I will touch on how the Republicans were able to sus-

tain that large majority of the U. S. House of Representatives for so many years. It didn't come over night and it relied on a greater emphasis on gaining control of other bodies outside of Congress.

While Democrats were asleep at the switch, the Republicans were putting major emphasis with money and resources to win control of legislatures and governorships in key states around the country. Their efforts paid off.

Why did the GOP concentrate in statewide races when their primary goal was to take the federal legislature, the U.S. Congress? Very simple. It is the state legislatures that draw up

the congressional and state legislative districts.

So, when one political party has the majority in a given state, they draw a map that favors election of candidates of its own political party. The redistricting maps are done through legislation, so if that majority political party also has its governor in power, that map won't be subject to a veto.

Legislatures are known to draw some crazy maps with lines that aren't necessarily contiguous but shaped to favor candidates of its political persuasion. The maps are made to satisfy incumbents.

That favored map-making process came to be called gerrymandering, after a Massachusetts governor way back in the 1800s who drew a map shaped like a lizard. His prototype is still copied by some overzealous political cartographers.



John S. Matijevich

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Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"What is your family's most unique holiday tradition?"



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"My grandma hides an almond in one of the puddings and whoever gets it gets a prize."

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"We watch 'It's a Wonderful Life' and every time it says 'George Bailey' ... we get up and change seats."

Keighley White
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—● Partylines

compiled from staff reports

TIF is hot topic for Lindenhurst Joint Review Board

The first meeting of the Lindenhurst Joint Review Board was both productive and civil, but a feeling of tension permeated the air as board members sometimes argued with developers.

The board's task is to create an advisory recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees on whether a TIF should be used to fund the Village Green project, slated to be built on the 245-acre site.

This recommendation, including a detailed written report of the board's findings, is due Jan. 8, when a public hearing will take place.

The Village Green project should contain up to 700,000 square feet of retail space and up to 1,000 residential units.

Using a TIF to fund the project has been a hot point of debate among those who would be in the TIF district, with Woodland School District 50, and Grayslake School District 127.

Suzi Schmidt, who was named the board's chair, asked when the developer knew whether a TIF would be needed to fund the Village Green, and when the village was informed.

"We knew early on it would be a pub-

lic/private partnership," Village Attorney Paul Phillips said.

Phillips said that village staff would like the TIF term to last less than the 23 years proposed by OliverMcMillan.

A Joint Review Board's meeting took place at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, at the Lindenhurst Village Hall. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Millburn West School cafeteria.

Impact increase

Lake Villa village trustees increased impact fees on Dec. 13, for the first time since 1992.

Impact fees are one-time payments that a developer gives to municipalities to offset the costs of public services that new developments usually bring. The payments are made when a building permit is issued.

Mayor Frank Loffredo said the fees are based on the average assessed value of homes, which has increased greatly since the early '90s.

Each developer will now pay \$400 to the fire department, \$200 to the library, \$400 to the police department, and \$200 for street maintenance, Loffredo said.

From 1992 until now, developers paid

\$100 to the fire department, \$50 to the library, \$250 to the police, and \$100 for streets, Loffredo said.

Economy boost

The village of Grayslake has announced that CompX International, a manufacturer of lock parts, marine accessories and other products, will be expanding its Grayslake facility.

Several months ago, CompX purchased Livorsi Marine in Grayslake. It is now looking to expand the 19,500-square-foot building to 120,000 square feet.

Dave Bowers, president and CEO of CompX, said his company was happy to call Grayslake home, adding that it was not the only area his company had considered.

"When we originally thought about it, we planned on moving further south," he said. "It felt better here."

CompX is headquartered in Dallas. It also has facilities in Wisconsin, Michigan, South Carolina, Canada and Taiwan.

Collaborative effort

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced recently a new weapon in the fight against human trafficking.

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the Illinois State Police (ISP), the Chicago Police Department, Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights and the Illinois

Regional Institute for Community Policing have produced a new computer-based training video for law enforcement professionals.

The video will help law enforcement officers handle human trafficking cases and victims more effectively.

"Human trafficking is a modern day form of slavery," Blagojevich said. "Young children, teenagers, men and women are promised jobs and better lives in the United States. But once they're here, they are forced to live and work in abysmal conditions, they're paid pitiful wages, and some are forced into the sex trade. Sadly, we've seen this in Illinois."

Growing awareness of the human trafficking problem led the Chicago Police Department and the Heartland Alliance to organize and implement a multi-jurisdictional, interdisciplinary Chicago Regional Human Trafficking Task Force funded by the Department of Justice and chaired by the Chicago Police Department.

One of the task force's primary goals is educating the law enforcement community about human trafficking, which led to this collaborative production of a training DVD. The video is called "Anti-Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement." Copies of the video are being mailed to all of the approximately 1,400 law enforcement organizations in Illinois.

Texas congressman's actions are a mockery of electoral process

• MATIJEVICH

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Legislatures have been called to change the boundaries of the districts every 10 years after the decennial census. That allows for some consistency and allows voters to understand which legislative and congressional districts represent them.

All of that changed when the infamous Tom DeLay, the Texas congressman now under

indictment, couldn't wait 10 years to change district boundaries. The Texas state legislature did their redistricting in mid-decade, so that Republicans, in a gerrymandered map, picked up five new congressmen in the following election.

The courts have tried to keep their hands off of the ticklish issue of political redistricting, but the DeLay map went to the U.S. Supreme Court and the court upheld the Republican map.

The viciousness of that re-map and the arrogance of Congressman DeLay after the court victory set the stage for Democrats to be vindictive if and when their time came to be in the majority. How will Democrats act with their majority?

I believe that the action of Tom DeLay was so reprehensible to the tradition of redrawing boundaries every 10 years, that it is unwise for Democrats, or Republicans for that matter, to emulate his nonsense.

It would be tragic, particularly to the citizenry, for political boundaries to change willy-nilly at any time when one political party or the other suddenly gains a political advantage.

By all accounts, the state of Illinois is ripe for Democrats to redistrict and gain congressional seats, because the Supreme Court decision opens up the process to be done before the census.

Democrats control both houses of the legislature and

the governor is a Democrat.

There would be a temptation to be vindictive and make such a move.

But, to me, it is more important to maintain the present system of redistricting after each 10-year census.

To do otherwise would make a mockery of the whole electoral process. For one thing, I wouldn't advise Democrats to copy anything initiated by DeLay. He's gone fairly downhill since his political power play.

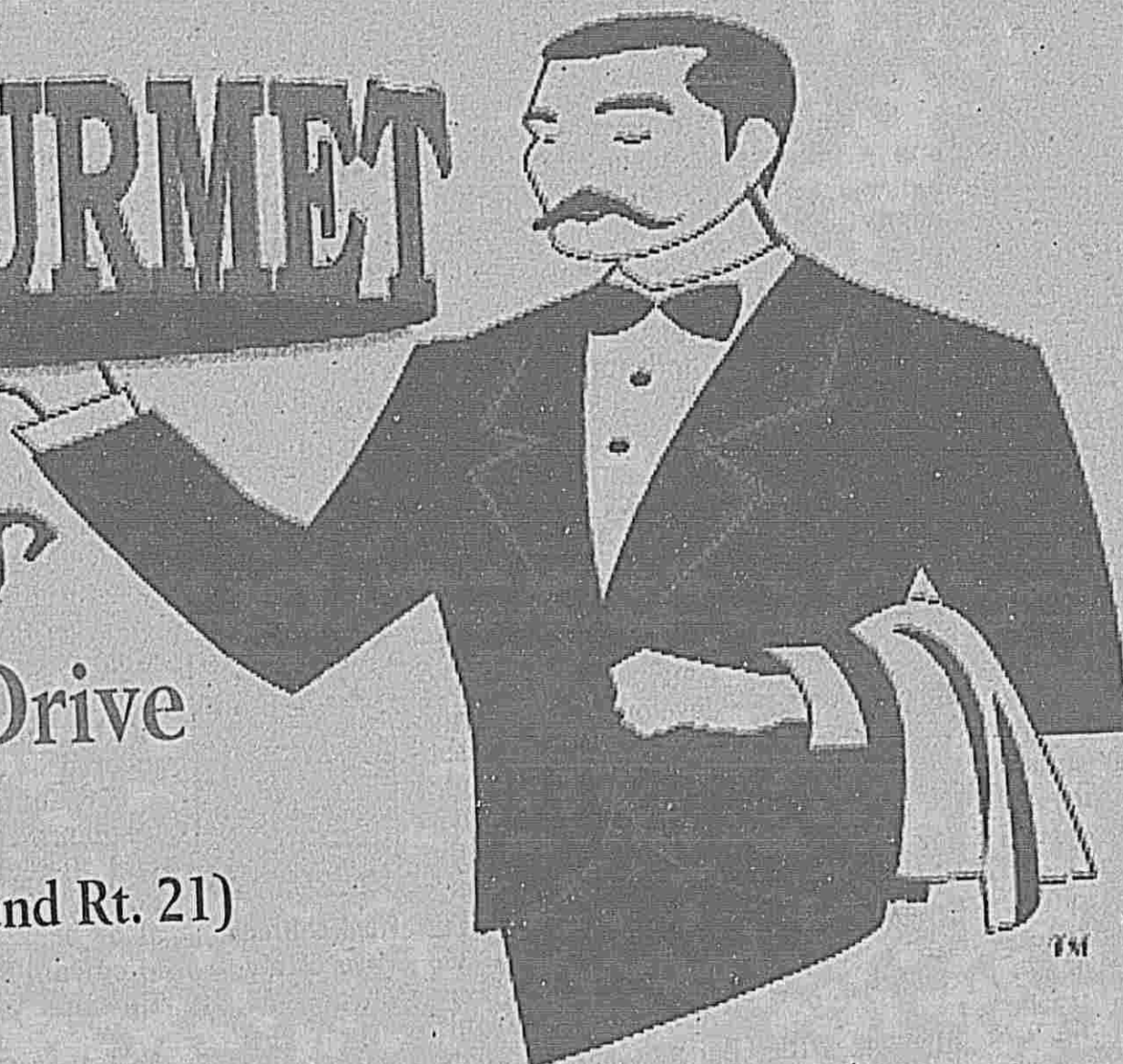
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● This Weekend

Be sure to catch the play "The Snow Queen," taking place now through Jan. 14 at Victory Gardens Theater in Chicago. Tickets for the play cost \$35 to \$45.

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The new action thriller "Rocky Balboa" continues the story of boxing champion Rocky. The film was written and directed by Sylvester Stallone.

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The weekend is the perfect time to settle back and enjoy the new drama "The Good Shepherd." The movie stars Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie and is directed by Robert DeNiro. The film tells the story of a married couple (Damon and Jolie), as political intrigue threatens their marriage.

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Bring in the new year

Local restaurants and businesses celebrate the new year in style. Join the fun and festivities by spending New Year's Eve in Lake County.

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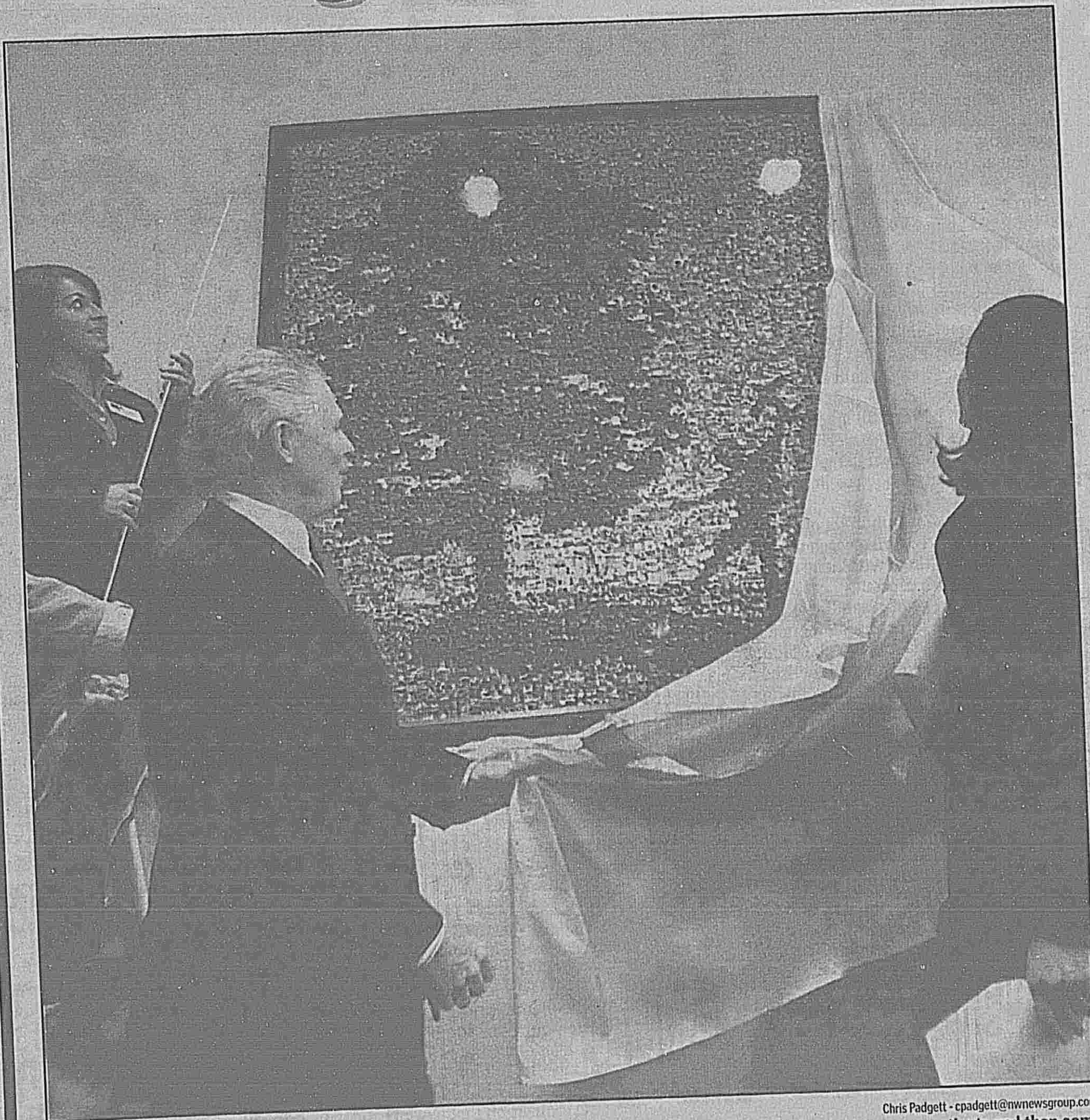
'Peace' of war

Pam and George Singleton review "The Good German," a black-and-white film focusing on issues that are not so black and white.

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'Images of Hope'



A photo montage is unveiled at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Zion. The photos displayed were taken by cancer patients and then combined to form the center's logo. Hundred's of patients took photos for the project, which was called "Images of Hope." See the story on page C2.

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ZION

Project pieces together powerful pictures

Photo montage at local cancer treatment center symbolizes patients' hope

By KATHY GRESEY

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ZION — Claudia and Phil Harris, of Waterford, Wis., have beaten cancer.

Together, they accepted each other's diagnosis, underwent treatment and recovered.

During that difficult time, Claudia and Phil saw their respective spouse as a source of hope. Both are patients at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Zion.

"From a hope standpoint, we provided each other with it," Phil said of when he and his wife had cancer. He was diagnosed with chronic lymphatic leukemia and is a five-year survivor. His wife was diagnosed with breast cancer and is a seven-year survivor.

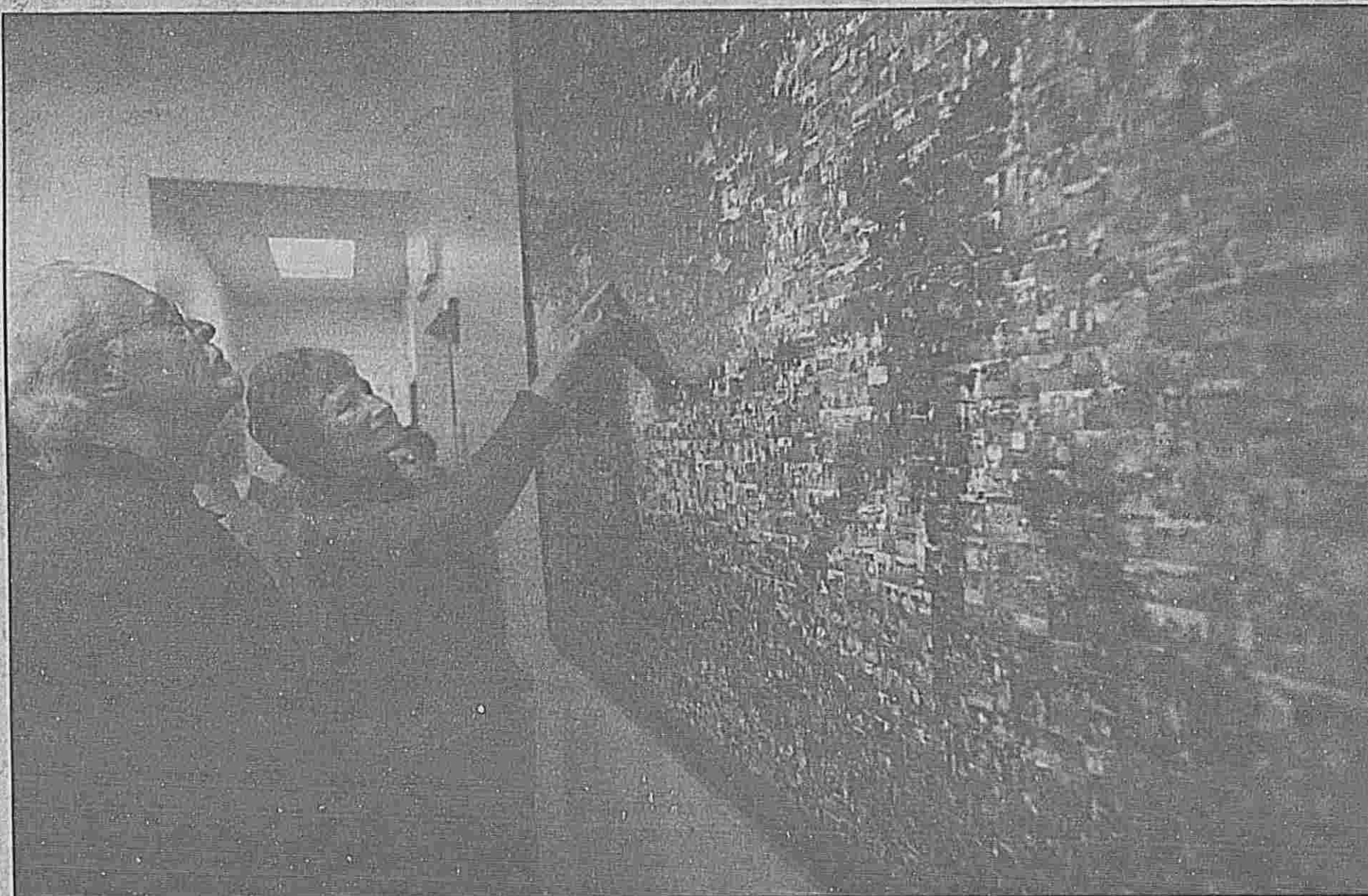
Claudia and Phil still go to Cancer Treatment Centers of America for annual checkups. Both participated in the center's photo montage project, "Images of Hope."

The project sent hundreds of cancer patients and survivors in search of what or who provided them with hope during their struggle with cancer.

Married for 35 years, Claudia and Phil had a friend take a picture of them outdoors for the hope-based project. Claudia said that, to her, the picture symbolized a lot about her relationship with her husband.

"That we have each other," she said. "And we're in love."

Hundreds of the photos taken for



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Claudia Harris points at one of the hundreds of pictures that comprise the "Images of Hope" photo montage at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Zion. Claudia and her husband, Phil (also pictured), are cancer survivors. They both participated in the "Images of Hope" project.

"Images of Hope" were put into a montage that depicts the Cancer Treatment Centers of America logo — an oak tree with a little boy and dog beneath it. The montage is located in the center's cafeteria.

Richard Stephenson, founder and chairman of the board at Cancer Treatment Centers of America, said "Images of Hope" was a project indicative of all programs at the treatment center.

"'Images of Hope' is a continuation of our empowerment model," he said. "It's about the celebration of life."

Pictures in the montage depicted not only couples, but also entire families and individuals. Some showed a person with an important object, like a flag or book. Others captured picturesque landscapes or seascapes.

Anne Meisner, president of the Zion center, said patient enthusiasm for the

project was overwhelming.

"You can't believe the response we got," she said. "It was fabulous."

Claudia praised Cancer Treatment Centers of America for its well-rounded treatment programs, adding that the center helped her in many ways.

"They just gave you hope that you were going to survive — you had no choice," she said. "They helped you through your journey."

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Holidays prone to relative's expectations

It's the time of year, when relatives you haven't seen for months converge on your house, or open their house to you.

While one might expect brothers and sisters to resort to their old sibling rivalries and parents to tell their grown kids to put on their coats, there's one thing one might not expect: the realization that parents and grandparents are becoming less able to function physically and mentally in their daily lives.

While this thought can be depressing, one's concern can be turned into action by actually using this time to

assess how to help loved ones in the coming year.

• **Nutritional needs** — One of the signs that loved ones might need intervention is a noticeable loss of weight (they might be depressed, or forgetting to eat). Meals on Wheels and senior centers offer many options to make healthy eating easier and more enjoyable.

• **Eyesight and hearing** — If either seems more compromised than in the past, perhaps it's time to get a loved one tested for updated eyeglass pre-

scriptions or hearing aids.

• **Home modifications** — There are many devices available to help older people remain independent and safe in their homes: putting larger grips on their coffee mugs; tacking down rugs to prevent tripping; having sturdy railings and bars installed in bathrooms, stairways or other places for them to hold onto; amplifiers for their phones and larger print versions of books, crosswords, prescription labels and phone numbers.

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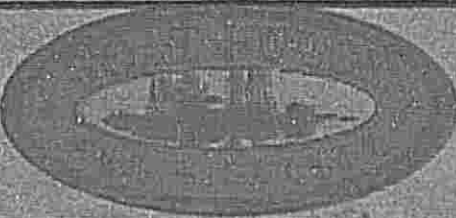
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Movie Review Key 
 4 = Don't miss this movie!
 3 = Worth seeing, but could've been better
 2 = Wait until this movie comes out on video
 1 = Someone should be fired for making this movie

By Pam & George Singleton



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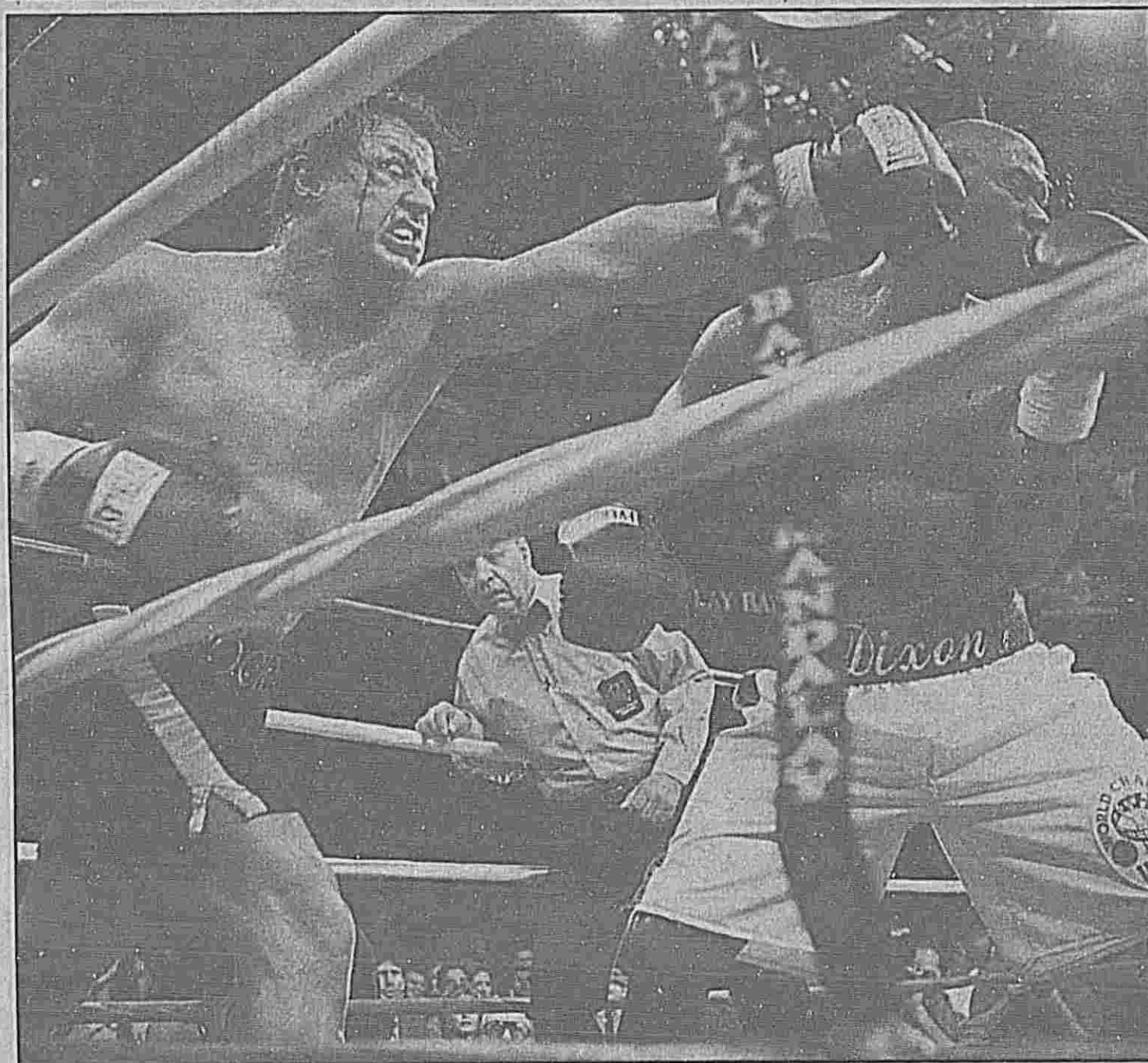


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Sylvester Stallone stars in "Rocky Balboa," a film that continues the story of a man battling for respect and a boxing title. Stallone also wrote and directed the movie.

Refreshingly redundant

By PAM and GEORGE SINGLETON
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Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) is like George Foreman (and the Energizer bunny). He keeps on going. He's more than 50 years old, still signs autographs and makes a decent living off of his name and personality.

Rocky owns a popular Philly restaurant, where the menu includes him stopping by the table to say "yo" and tell old fight stories.

Mason "The Line" Dixon (Antonio Taver of TV's "The Contender") is the current heavyweight champion with a perfect record, in large part because he fights non-contenders rather than those as tough as they get—like Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Sonny Liston and

"Rocky Balboa"

Director: Directed and written by Sylvester Stallone

Genre: Boxing/action

Additional information: MGM; rated PG for boxing violence and some language; running time is 102 minutes.

George Foreman.

ESPN picks up on the idea that was formed back in the 1970s about the outcome of a fight between undefeated Rocky Marciano and Muhammad Ali. The network airs a virtual-reality video, substituting Balboa and Dixon and using computer generated results that crown Balboa the winner. That gets everyone's testosterone flowing, including

Rocky's, and an exhibition bout is arranged between the two.

This is a good movie that is more or less like the other five Rocky pictures that came before. Paulie (Burt Young) is still around to let Rocky into the meat plant to spar with the sides of beef. The familiar theme music carries us right up the stairs to get a panoramic view of Philadelphia. The basic plot and training sequence is fairly pedestrian. The best parts of the film are the fight at the conclusion and some sharp dialogue, some of which is very racial, but not racist.

We liked the film, but were not constantly on the edge of our seats. That said, if you like to pull for the underdog, don't miss "Rocky Balboa."

2.5

Still playing

Déjà Vu: PG-13
 The Departed: R
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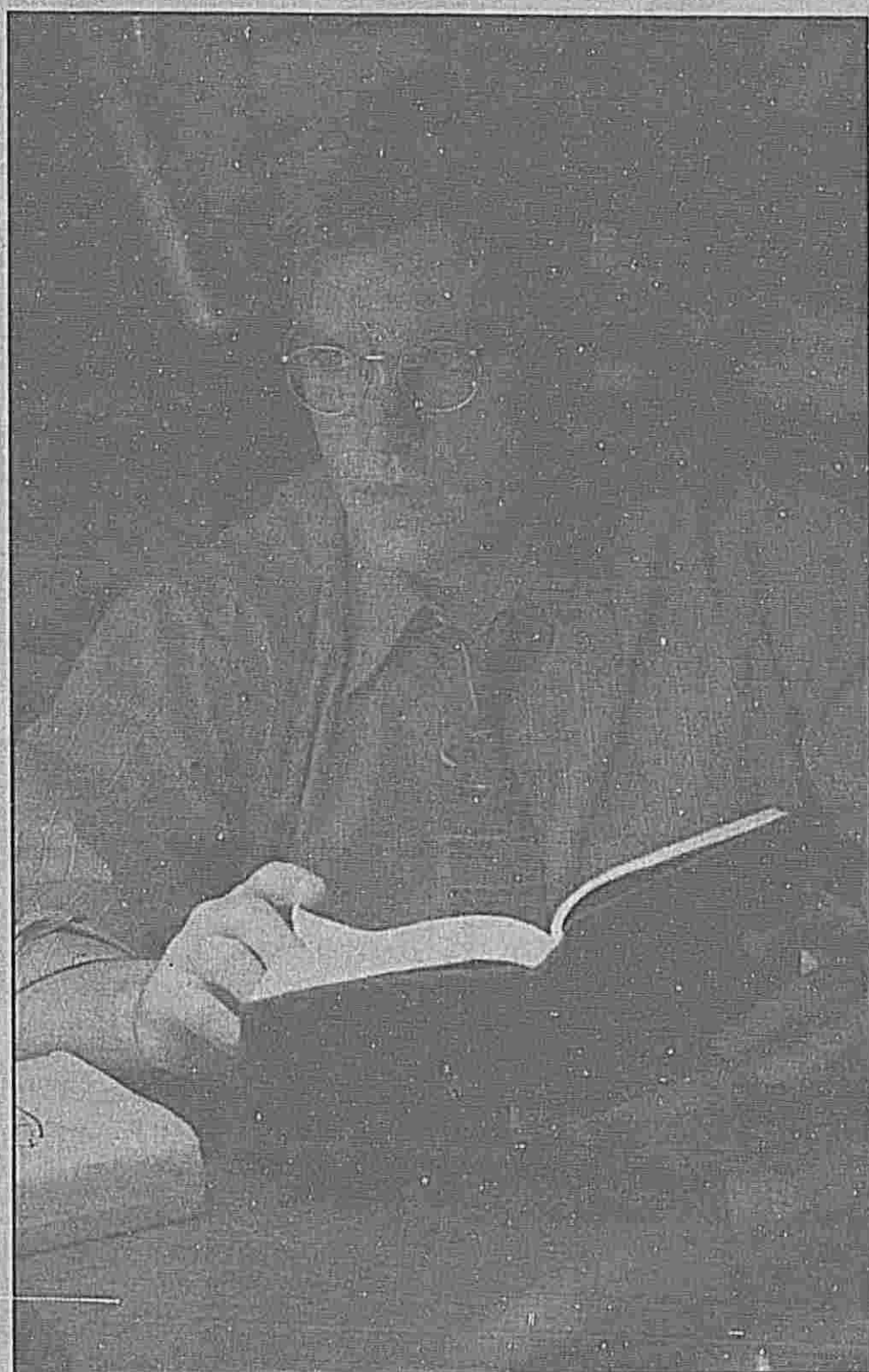


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Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie star as a married couple caught in a web of intrigue created by the CIA in "The Good Shepherd." The drama is directed by Robert DeNiro, who also acts in the film.

Rewards await

By PAM and GEORGE SINGLETON
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Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie are caught in a web of intrigue that is created with the formation of the CIA. This situation also threatens their marriage.

Robert DeNiro directs and appears in this intelligently written film from Eric Roth ("Munich").

Edward Wilson (Damon) is a Yale graduate, complete with prestigious affiliation in the mysterious Skull and Bones Society. He marries the socially connected, and beautiful, Clover (Jolie). In 1961, he's tapped to help put together the clandestine government agency — that reports to no one — and the rest is recent political history.

These gray men, including a

"The Good Shepherd"

Director: Robert DeNiro

Genre: Drama

Additional information:
Rated R for some violence, sexuality and language.

supporting cast of characters portrayed by Alec Baldwin and John Turturro, soon cross the line into black-ops territory.

The near automaton nature of the movements of Wilson and his colleagues appears stilted through the first half of "The Good Shepherd."

Deliberate pacing and the complexity of the plot nearly sink the experience.

But the rewards as the story progresses are worth the wait.



Peace is not always black or white

George Clooney and Cate Blanchett star as a pair of former lovers who meet again when American journalist Jacob Geismer (Clooney) returns to Germany to cover the peace talks at Potsdam in 1945.

Lena (Blanchett) has been reduced to turning tricks for both the winning and the losing sides, but the suggestion of a larger agenda looms from the first grainy sequence.

Director Steven Soderbergh scores a direct hit with this drama of lies, betrayal, murder, love, self-interest and international intrigue in post-World War II Berlin.

The film may be black and white, but the issues in the movie are less so.

"The Good German"

Director: Steven Soderbergh

Genre: Drama

Additional information:
Rated R for language, violence and some sexual content; running time is approximately 105 minutes.

Using archival footage of war-torn streets, triumphant military parades, newsreels of Eisenhower, Churchill and Stalin, along with the backdrop of war ravaged Germany, Soderbergh evokes the mood of the period better than any film in recent memory.

The capable supporting cast, including Tobey Maguire



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George Clooney and Cate Blanchett star in "The Good German."

as a self-serving weasel in a refreshing change-of-pace role, enhances the powerful film.

• Excerpt from review by Shelley Cameron for Reel Movie Critic.



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Even though dozens of dog toys, chews and accessories are sold in a pet store, it doesn't mean all of them are safe. There are some toys and chews that, if you ask me, should be pulled from the shelves because of the dangers they can cause,

while other toys should receive center stage.

God dog toys

Let's start with the toys that are awesome for dogs. Kongs, the hard rubber toys in various shapes and sizes with the hole in the center, are virtually indestructible and give your dogs hours of amusement. Not to mention they are great babysitters. Stick some dog treats in the center, and watch your dog try and figure out how to get the treats out. Shove some peanut butter inside, and put it in the cage with your pooch if you crate them while you are gone.

It's a great babysitter!

Nylabones are another safe and effective option for those dogs that like to chew. All puppies should have a selection of nylabones to choose from. Now, make sure not to get the edible nylabones. Nylabones come in many shapes and sizes. Make sure if you have a big dog you don't get one of the small size bones. My dogs like the nylabones with the little bumps on them.

Rope toys are a fun toy for a rough and tumble game of tug-of-war. For those of you who heard tug-of-war can cause dogs to be aggressive, we have

learned that, in most cases, that is simply not true. So tug away!

If you have multiple dogs,



Sandy Wisniewski

Kong attached, or a nylabone with a rope. Just check them for durability and construction.

the rope toy is a wonderful way for them to entertain each other, as they tug and steal the rope from one another. There also are variations of the rope with a

Now let's talk about what I consider no-nos for most dogs. Rawhides, pig ears, cow hoofs and the like can and have caused choking, as well as damage to the mouth, throat and intestines. The only time any of these chews would be safe is if you are supervising them while they chew them, and if they do not eat them like they are the best chocolate ever. Dogs that "inhale" rawhides are the ones that are most likely to choke on them. So really, if you want to be 100 percent safe, don't buy your pet rawhide-type products.

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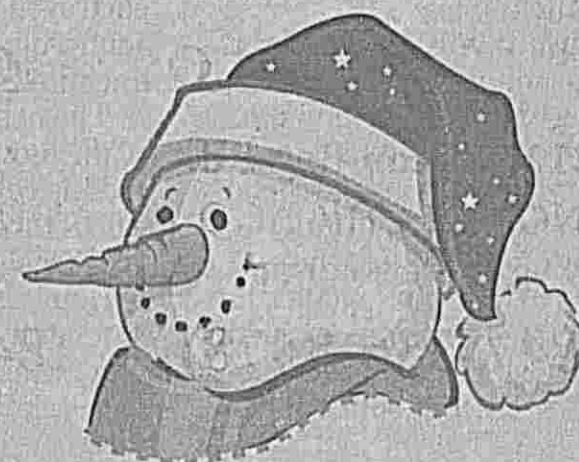
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Free museum event

General admission to the Museum of Science and Industry will be free on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24). The museum will be closed on Christmas. On Dec. 24, the museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit msichicago.org.



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'Snow Queen' cunning update of classic tale

By Tom Witom
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Victory Gardens Theater, in premiering a musical version of "The Snow Queen" by Hans Christian Andersen, clearly demonstrates the universal appeal of the genre.

The Danish writer's story is creatively retold in this production, a unique collaboration of Michael Smith (music and lyrics), Blair Thomas (puppets and visual design) and Frank Galati (direction).

Add a solid cast, live band and Tatjana Radisic's resourceful costuming, and the engaging results come as no surprise.

Note, however, that this production will best be appreciated by adults and older children.

At its essence, "The Snow Queen"

Tickets, please

What: "The Snow Queen"
Where: Victory Gardens Theater
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When: Through Jan. 14
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Show information: (773) 871-3000

dramatizes a story of friendship between a boy and a girl who live next door to one another, Gerda and Kai.

Their strong bond is tested when an enchanted mirror breaks into thousands of fragments, two of which pierce Kai in the eye and heart so he sees good as evil. Kai becomes vulnerable to the wicked Snow Queen, who steals him away to her palace of snow and ice.

Gerda, a true heroine, is undeterred by the danger she will face as she takes on a mission to rescue her best friend. As the tale unfolds, she finds plenty fear, and not just from the bone-chilling

cold (with a capital "C," as she puts it). Soon Gerda is caught up in a world of witches, wooden soldiers, enchantresses and vocal animals.

With direction from a raven and transportation help from an unusual reindeer, Gerda makes her way to Lapland. Her devotion to Kai prevails over the manipulative Snow Queen. The spell is broken, and Kai, reunited with Gerda, returns to his home.

Mattie Hawkinson (Gerda), Andrew Keltz (Kai) and Cheryl Lynn Bruce (the Storyteller) share the stage with three masterful puppeteers - Jayson Rackley, Barbara Whitney and Erik Weltz - and six musicians, including Smith; Barbara Barrow and Linda M. Smith (keyboards/vocals); Kat Eggleston (guitar/vocals); Anthony Shepherdstone (drums/percussion) and Chris Walz.

Smith's witty score is a keeper: "Love Letter on a Fish," a delightful pun-filled number that brought down the house opening night, was performed by Eggleston as a lonely Lapp woman.



Photo provided

Andrew Keltz performs as Kai in a scene from "The Snow Queen" at Victory Gardens Theater.

This holiday season, be sure to buy furry friends safe toys that are fun

• WISNIEWSKI

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OK, so what else is there? Well, there are edible nylabones, Greenies and "teeth cleaning" edibles. I have heard of too many problems with them, such as choking and diarrhea, so I would stay clear of those. As far as stuffed toys, I only suggest those for the very soft mouthed dogs that like to carry their

"baby" around with them and sleep with them, but do not attempt to chew them up. Squeaky toys follow the same rules as stuffed toys.

So go out there and buy your precious pooch a load of colorful and exciting goodies to go under the tree, or along with the Hanukkah menorahs.

Feline safety

While on the subject of the holiday season and pet safety,

let's not forget our feline friends. For those of you still sprinkling tinsel on your tree, save the tinsel for a cat-free house. Cats just love to eat tinsel.

And if you didn't heed this warning and your cat does get into tinsel, and you see tinsel coming out the other end, don't pull. Go to the vet right away.

Oh, and don't we love the combination of cats and Christmas trees? As I like to say, have tree, have cat, see cat climb

tree.

Putting yourself in your cat's shoes (I mean paws), wouldn't you find that tree and all the sparkling, moving ornaments just too much to resist?

Honestly, I have no great answers for that one, except maybe a sense of humor. I suppose you could put the tree in a room that the cat can't go into, but what fun is that?

Also, check with a vet before purchasing plants for someone

who owns cats, as some plants can be toxic to cats.

Wishing all my fellow animal-loving friends a happy holiday season. Stay warm, be safe and give your furry or feathered animal companion a hug from me.

• Sandy Kamen Wisniewski is president of The Pet Sitters of America, Animal Education and Rescue and SKW Enterprises. To contact her, e-mail petsitters@anet.com, or visit www.animaleducationandrescue.org.

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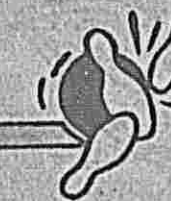
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New Year's Eve is one hot night in Lake County

By KATHY GRESEY
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with staff reports

New Year's Eve is less than 10 days away. Do you know where you'll spend the first moments of 2007?

The Lake County Journals spoke with 10 area establishments to find out what they are doing to usher in the new year.

For those who are still unsure of where to go that night, the information below might be a helpful guide.

Delightful dinner

Newly opened, The Vine Martini & Wine Bar, 101 Center St., in Grayslake, will host a seven-course dinner with wine and champagne from 6 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 31. Toasted ravioli, lobster puffs and grilled salmon are included in the meal. And a representative from Union Beverage Company will explain wines as they are served.

"The place will have a whole different look," chef Erin Julian said. "I am hoping that people realize not only my ability to write such a menu, but that we can be more eclectic than people think we are."

Price is \$100 a person or \$175 a couple. The Vine will be open through midnight. For more information, call (847) 543-0900, or visit www.thevineofgrayslake.com.

Karaoke

Like to sing? Last Chance Saloon & Eatery in downtown Grayslake will have karaoke on New Year's Eve. A champagne toast will take place at midnight, and dinner specials will be served. For more information, call (847) 223-0082.

Teen dance party

Teens in the Round Lake area will have

the opportunity to ring in 2007 like adults — minus the alcohol. Local radio station WRLR is sponsoring an event for kids age 15 and older at the Round Lake Area Park District's SportsCenter, 2004 Municipal Way, in Round Lake Beach.

More than 21 DJs, who regularly work at Lake and Cook counties' hottest night clubs, will be spinning tunes from 8 p.m. (on Dec. 31) to 5 a.m. (on Jan. 1).

Tickets are only available at the door and cost \$20 a person. An additional \$10 allows a person into the VIP lounge area, where food will be served.

A \$3 discount will be offered to those who bring in an event flyer.

For more information, contact the Club Mix crew at www.djmikeb@wrlr.fm, or call WRLR at (847) 546-9757.

'Roll' in the new year

The Round Lake Roller Rink is offering an evening of fun for the whole family. Starting at 10 p.m., the facility, located at 766 N. Hainesville Road, will host an Allnighter on Sunday, Dec. 31. Festivities will wrap up at 7 a.m. the next morning.

Cost is \$20 a person, and includes party hats, favors, food, drink, dinner and breakfast. Prizes, including a portable CD player, will be given away. For more information, call (847) 546-3941.

Venue-type atmosphere

New Year's Eve partygoers who love a venue-type atmosphere, but don't want to travel to Chicago on Dec. 31, should check out Austin's Saloon & Eatery, 481 Peterson Road, in Libertyville.

The entertainment will be Mike & Joe,

and Milhouse from Lake County.

"It's a real show when you come here," said Austin's owner Mark Khayac. "We take pride in that."

Package offers range from a \$25 cover charge to a \$180 rock star package, which includes a hotel suite for two. All packages include open-bar access from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more information, call (847) 549-1972.

Dinner 'n' dancing

Party people can dance the night away at Dover Straits, 890 E. Route 45, in Mundelein this New Year's Eve. The restaurant will begin its celebration at 9 p.m. and will continue until 3 a.m. Dancing, party favors, a six-piece band and an open menu (priced at \$20 and up) will be offered to patrons that night.

"It's affordable ... we've done [it] ... for the last 10 years," said Ari Metropoulos, one of the restaurant's three owners.

Dinner service begins at 4 p.m. that day. For more information, call (847) 949-1550.

Time to boogie

The Antioch Senior Center will be rocking on New Year's Eve. The center, located at 817 Holbek Drive (near the fire and police stations), will have a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Participants can enjoy music from a live band, snacks, non-alcoholic drinks, singing and a comedian who sings. For more information, call (847) 395-0139.

Party pubs

The Village Pub, 899 Main St., in Antioch, will be open to bring in the new year, and so will Bootleggers, located at 25491 W. Old Grass Lake Road, in Antioch.

Nutties in Lake Villa should be a reliable source for fun on New Year's Eve, but you might want to call (847) 356-9894 to get

the lowdown on drink specials and other activities.

Tinsel with tradition

Pay \$10 before 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve at the Cove Nightclub, 4555 W. Yorkhouse Road, in Wadsworth. The celebration features a balloon drop with cash and prizes (hats, T-shirts, gift certificates), fireworks and party favors.

The party, a tradition at the Cove for the past 18 years, takes place until 2 a.m. Attendees must be 21 or older and "dress to impress," according to manager Toni Heiring: no hats, sportswear, or sneakers.

Heiring said the party will feature shot specials, as well as the music of DJ Toby, who has been spinning at the Cove for a decade.

For more information, call (847) 360-0550, ext. 534.

Good times in Gurnee

Toast the new year, and enjoy live rock at Pisan's Ristorante Italiano, 5101 Washington St., in Gurnee. The night's limited menu will include duck, surf 'n' turf and lobster tails. There is no cover for the celebration, which will feature the '60s-style rock of the Craney Brothers and a champagne toast at midnight.

The party should last until 1 or 2 a.m., according to owner Tony Maniscalco. Maniscalco added that partygoers would enjoy friendly people, delicious food and a fun atmosphere for "a great time with the flair of downtown in Gurnee."

Reservations are still available. To make a reservation, call (847) 625-1500.

• Reporters Jessica Jacobsen, Helen Mansfield, Tara Clifton and Emily Previti contributed to this story.

'Gourmet Potluck' for all occasions, with a touch of flair

By TOM WITOM
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In "The Gourmet Potluck" (Ten Speed Press), Beth Hensperger, food columnist and author of 18 cookbooks, shares recipes for a number of show-stopping seasonal dishes that will serve anywhere from eight to 36 eaters.

Pork Tenderloin with Cassis Sauce, for example, could do well at a New Year's brunch, or for a large dinner party. To accommodate a smaller guest list, this recipe can easily be cut in half.

Pork Tenderloin with Cassis Sauce (Serves 12)

Ingredients:

1/2 cup quince or red currant jelly
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
4 (3/4 pound) whole pork tenderloins

Creme de Cassis Sauce:
1 1/2 cups dry white wine
1/3 cup creme de cassis liqueur
2 large sprigs tarragon
2 large sprigs parsley
10 black or white whole peppercorns
1/3 cup heavy cream or creme fraiche

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Combine the jelly and dry mustard in a microwave-proof bowl. Place in the microwave on

medium heat for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes to melt, and then whisk until smooth.

Tie two of the tenderloins together with kitchen twine to make one even-sized roast. Repeat with the remaining two tenderloins. Place the two tied roasts side by side in a large roasting pan, and brush them with the jelly glaze. Roast, uncovered, for about 50 minutes, or until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees to 170 degrees F (about 25 minutes a pound). Remove the roasts from the oven, cover with foil and let rest for 15 minutes. (If preparing the roasts in advance, once they have rested, wrap them tightly in foil and refrigerate for up to one day.)

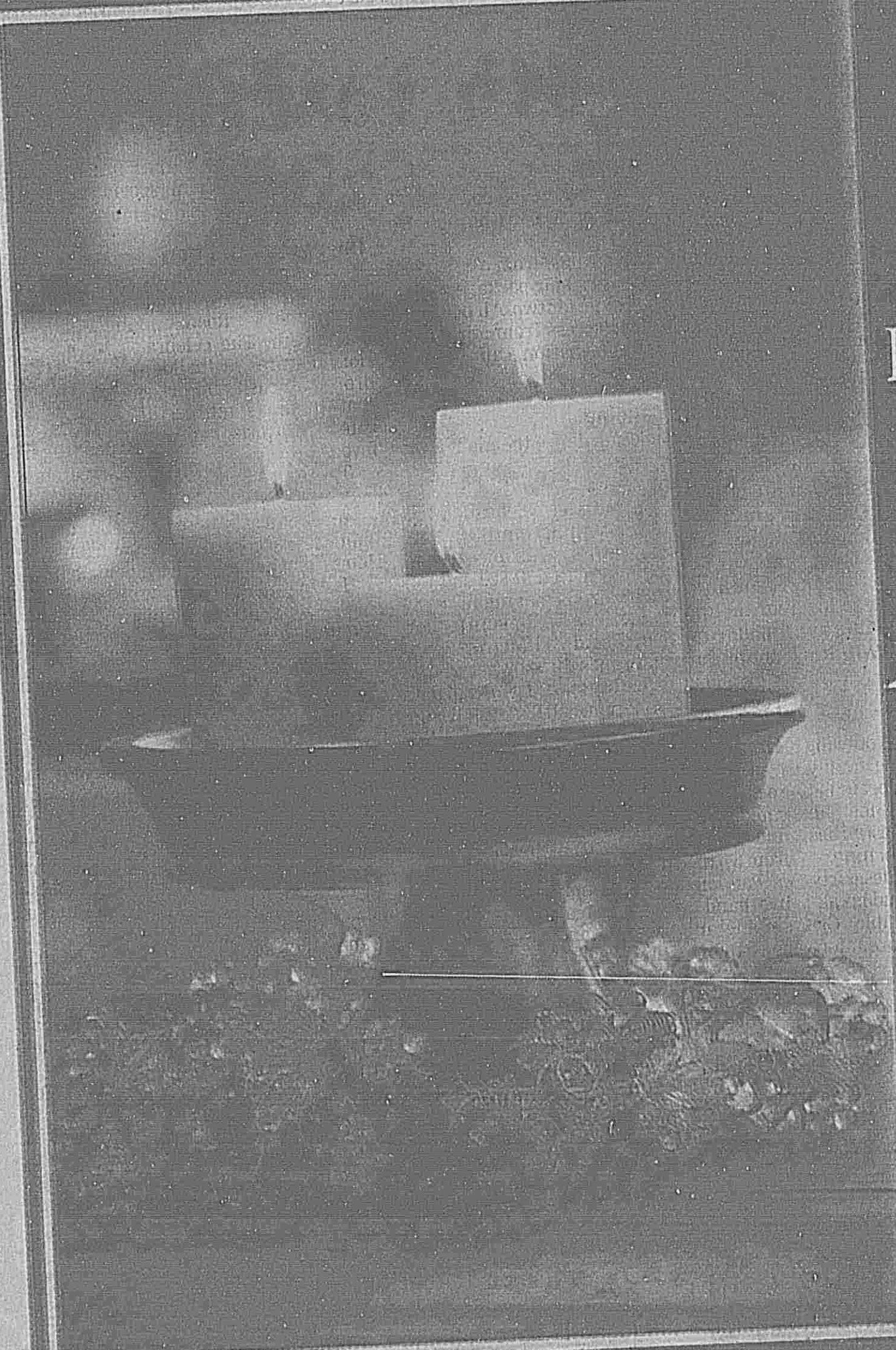
The roasts can be sliced and arranged at home, or on site. To slice, place the roasts on a cutting board, and remove the strings. With a sharp knife, diagonally cut the pork into 1/2-thick slices and arrange the slices in overlapping rows on a serving platter. Tightly cover and transport warm, or refrigerate up to 8 hours until transporting.

Make the sauce right before transporting. Combine the wine, cassis, tarragon, parsley and peppercorns in a small saucepan. Place the saucepan over medium-high heat, and bring to a boil. Cook for about 5 minutes, until reduced by 1/3. Pour through a wire mesh to strain, then return to the saucepan,

and whisk in the cream. Transfer to a thermos or covered container to transport.

Transportation notes: Carry the sauce in the thermos or covered container. Bring the tightly wrapped platter of sliced tenderloin, or transport the unsliced baked roasts wrapped whole. Bring a knife and cutting board, if carving on site.

On-site/preparation: Reheat the sauce on the stove or in a microwave, then place in a serving bowl with a ladle. Uncover the platter of tenderloins, or slice the roasts and arrange on the serving platter. Ladle the warm sauce over the top, and serve the extra sauce on the side.



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Christmas is over ... Now what?

Things to do the days after

There is so much excitement and pressure leading up to Christmas that it's amazing how fast the festivities come and go.

Once the hustle subsides and you resume your natural pace, you just may find that December 26 is the perfect time to start thinking about next Christmas - and to get a few other things done, too.

1. **Wrap up left overs:** Food storage bags, particularly of the freezer-proof variety, can prove invaluable. Portion out remaining holiday treats into bags and mark the contents on them and then pop into the freezer. This is more practical than trying to consume all of the left overs before they spoil, and much more figure-friendly as well.

2. **Make a greeting card list:** There are likely the standard people with whom you correspond, but do you find that each year a certain individual sends you a greeting to which you forget to reciprocate? While all of

your holiday cards are hanging in full view, make a list of the people who sent you cards. Keep the list handy because you'll soon be storing it away.

3. **Shop the sales:** Some people just love the bargains that post-Christmas has to offer and are not bothered by the long lines at area stores. If you are still in the shopping spirit, by all means go out and spend your holiday loot. You can also log onto your favorite online retailers and check the sales there.

4. **Stock up for next year:** If the malls aren't your thing right now, consider stopping by a pharmacy, card shop or discount center that has slashed prices on holiday merchandise. You can purchase new lights, wrapping paper, decorations and much more usually at a deep discount. While you're at it, buy your greeting cards now. When you get home, wrap them up with the list you made and store away in your

Christmas bins.

5. **Start thinking of resolutions:** New Year's Eve is only a week away. Use your down time to think up resolutions that stray from the standards of losing weight or quitting smoking (although those are very valid resolutions). Some ideas include volunteer work, spending more time with the kids or taking up a relaxing hobby.

6. **Start a family tradition:** Chances are the kids and you have off from school and work. Make the most of this rare time together to do something fun. Take in a movie, visit a zoo or indoor aquarium or hit the hills with a sled.

7. **Pack up:** While it may be too early for some to let go of their holiday decorations, others are busy and use the time to pack up the Christmas clutter. Stock up on some large plastic bins and resolve to clearly label everything as you



tubes lying around? Wrap Christmas lights around them and secure each end with tape. Carefully pack them away so the lights won't be tangled for next use. Used wrapping paper that is not in good condition for re-wrapping gifts can serve as packing material between delicate ornaments. Paper that doesn't have a holiday theme can be set aside for wrapping gifts for other occasions.

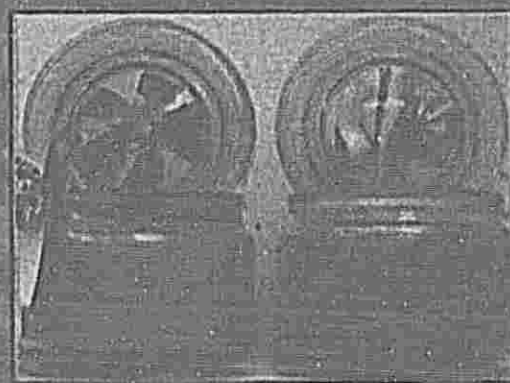
9. **Shop for big-ticket items:** Now is a good time to look for a car or that big electronic item. Think ahead to your Super Bowl party and splurge on the flat-panel television.

10. **Kick back and relax:** Sometimes the best thing to do is nothing at all. Relish the joy of another successful holiday gone by.

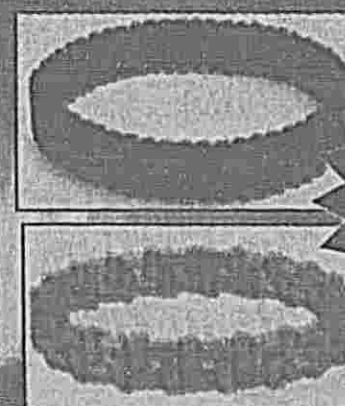
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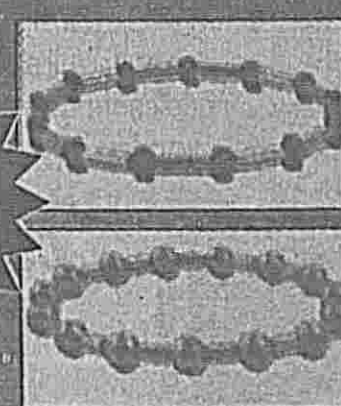
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Office party etiquette

Most businesses host a company party sometime between the months of November and January. This is a time to throw caution to the wind and party hard with your coworkers, right? Not exactly.

While it may seem the office party is a great chance to let loose with your employer footing the bill, your behavior can have a direct impact on your career. According to Etiquette International, a firm specializing in business etiquette, no matter how festive the occasion, it's still about business. Think of the office party as an extension of your business day wrapped in a social context.

Who hasn't heard horror stories of the employee who got drunk and ended up in a lamp shade sleeping under the buffet table? Don't let that person be you this year. That being said, here's a handy list of office party dos and don'ts:

DO act as your behavior is being monitored by your boss at every moment during the event, even if it may not be. This will help keep behavior in check.

DON'T dress provocatively or flashy. If the party is taking place directly after business hours, it is perfectly acceptable to attend in your business attire. If it is occurring at another time, dress festively but conservatively.

DO make every attempt to attend the party. Refusing the invitation or becoming a no-show can negatively affect your reputation. Remember, although a social event, office parties are often part of your job and you should be respectful of that fact.

DON'T overindulge in food or alcohol. Moderation is key even if there is a buffet and open bar. Remember that alcohol has a funny way of serving as a truth serum and quickly eliminates inhibition. Alcohol + party + boss = Monday morning on the hot seat. No one wants to be fodder for office gossip the next business day.

DO keep one hand free so that you can routinely shake the hands of new people you meet. Hold drinks in your left hand so your right is not wet and cold. Keep conversations upbeat and make the most of opportunities to network.

DON'T use the office party as a platform to air your grievances against the company, such as you work for peanuts. Keep conversations casual and avoid any controversial topics, such as religion, politics or the supervisor's toupee.

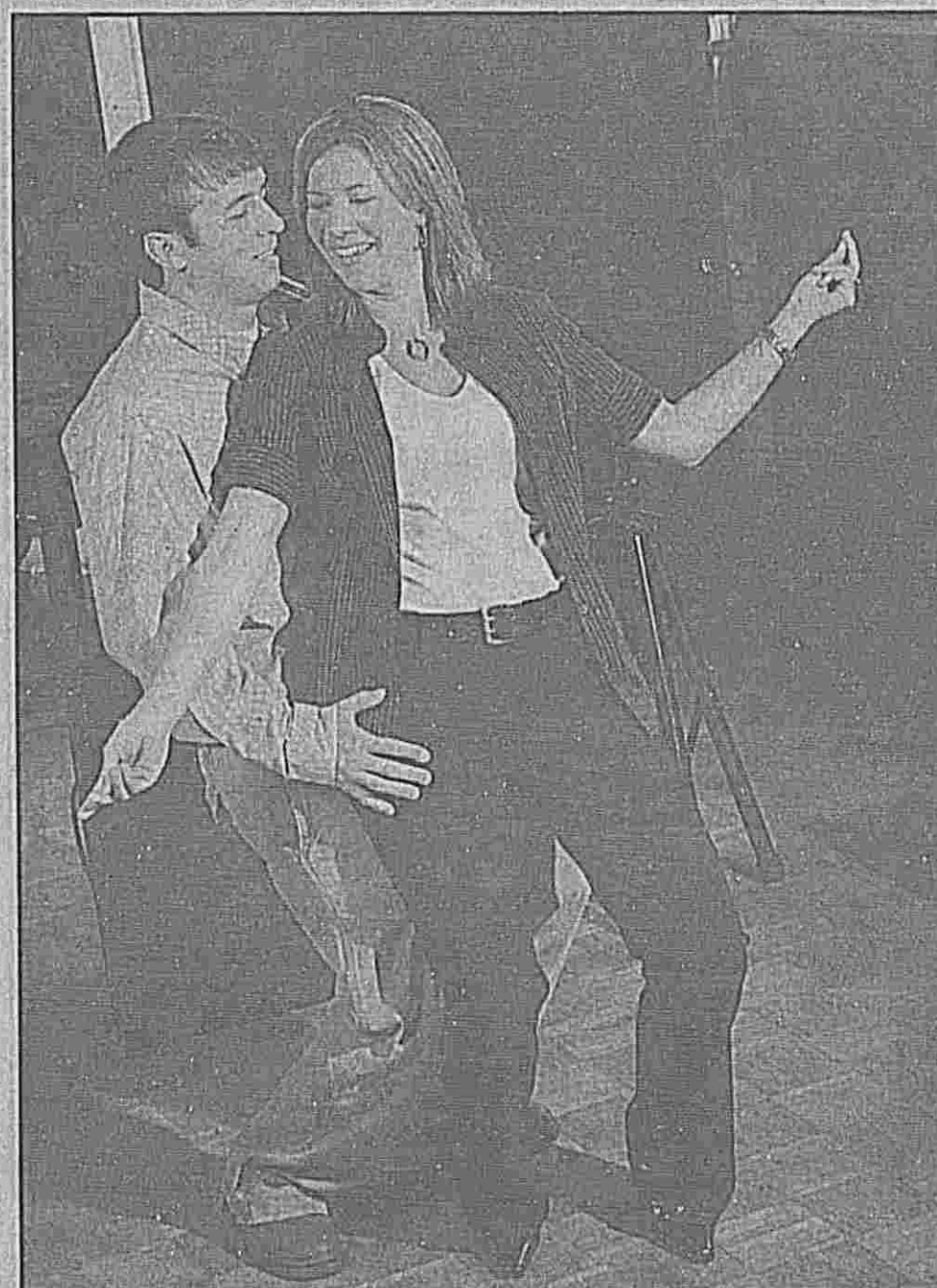
DO stay long enough to socialize with a number of people and thank the host or hosts for the party. Sneaking out early can seem disrespectful.

DON'T engage in flirting or any behavior that can be taken as offensive. Sexual harassment extends beyond the office walls. Now is not the time to spark up your love life with a coworker.

DO inquire who will be attending the function, and if the invitation extends to employee family members. It'll be embarrassing if you're the only one to show up with the kids in tow.

DON'T drink and drive! Have a plan for getting home if you plan on having a few drinks.

While some office parties are fabulous and others are flops, make the most of the event and eat, drink and be merry — in moderation.



The company holiday party is not a time to cozy up to coworkers.

Reindeer facts

While these animals may not be able to soar through the skies (without the help of the jolly fellow in red, that is), there are some interesting facts about reindeer to enjoy.

- Reindeer reside in the Arctic north. They can be found in North America, Asia and Europe.
- These animals are cousins of the caribou, which are larger than reindeer.
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Fish oil proves beneficial

Linoleic acid, an omega-6 fatty acid and Linolenic acid, and omega-3 fatty acid are essential fatty acids, and both are polyunsaturated fats.

These fatty acids are necessary to sustain life. Some fatty acids can be made in the body, these two cannot. Both omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids must be consumed in the diet.

The daily requirement for linoleic fatty acid is two teaspoons a day, which is easily met in the American diet. Linoleic acid is found in commercial baked goods, prepared foods, vegetable oils and margarine. The foods often are consumed in too large of amounts in the standard American diet (SAD).

Fatty acids are an important component in cell membranes. The cell membrane surrounds each cell and controls what goes in and out of each cell. When cell membranes are composed of these fatty acids, the membrane walls are flexible, not rigid. Rigid cell membranes found in the heart are more susceptible to heart disease. Cell membranes that are flexible and elastic are healthier than rigid and

stiff cell membranes.

There has been a number of clinical trials and scientific studies on the effects of omega-3 fatty acids and heart disease. Impressive results have been noted in lowering the risk of heart attacks and reducing blood pressure.



Linda DeFever

One recent study examined the blood levels of men living in Finland, where the consumption of fish is high. Men who had the highest levels of DHA and EPA had a 44 percent reduced risk of acute heart attacks compared to men with lower levels of these omega-3 fatty acids.

Another study of blood pressure and omega-3 fatty acids determined supplementation with DHA and EPA was effective in reducing blood pressure in people with hypertension. Blood pressures dropped six points during supplementation, returning to baseline when the

study was over.

Women who have gone through menopause have a higher risk of heart attacks than other women. It was determined that fish oil supplementation lowered serum triglyceride levels and increased high-density cholesterol levels. The study concluded fish oil supplementation reduced the risk of heart attacks by 27 percent in postmenopausal women.

Purity in fish oil supplements is important. Fish oil supplements should contain no detectable dioxin, DDT, PCB, or heavy metals like mercury and lead. Manufacturers should be able to provide documentation of contaminant levels in their products.

Remember fish oil is not a magic bullet. There are many components to health. Check with your family physician before adding any new supplements to your diet.

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● Everymom

Sharing family stories of Christmas

I have many memories of Christmas, but none as strong as the Christmas I ate a bath oil ball.

There I was, early Christmas morning, about 4 years old, eagerly going through my stocking.

I pulled out one of those big plastic candy canes filled with what I assumed were rainbow-colored gum balls. And I quickly popped one in my mouth.

Only it wasn't a gum ball.

Before my mother could stop me, I bit down and released a gush of oil that I can still taste today.

The thought of it makes me cringe nearly as much as when I look at the mug that accompanies this column.

I'm sharing this in hopes that you don't put bath oil balls in your children's stockings, but also because I'd love for you to send me some of your own Christmas memories so I can include them in a future column. Memories as a child, or memories of Christmas with your own children.

Have you experienced unique, touching or just plain weird gifts given or received? Did you spend a fortune on a Cabbage Patch Doll or go on a crusade to find the last Star Wars Millennium Falcon like my mother did for my brother? As I've written in my blog, she finally found one a couple years ago and gave it to him as an adult.

Any surprise visits? What about long-standing traditions?

For me, the holiday has evolved from the thrill I felt making it home for the holidays to the thrill I now feel as I watch the excitement build in my daughter.

I still remember my first purple bicycle, spending Christmas break in my jamies playing Pac Man on the new Atari Santa brought us and my first record player (now sitting in my basement).



Jami Kunzer

And I remember sneaking out in the middle of the night on Christmas Eve to survey our stacks and to sort through our stockings.

My mother apparently knew what we were up to, because she made it easier for us by leaving us flashlights.

You can bet that my children will find flashlights as well.

How about you?

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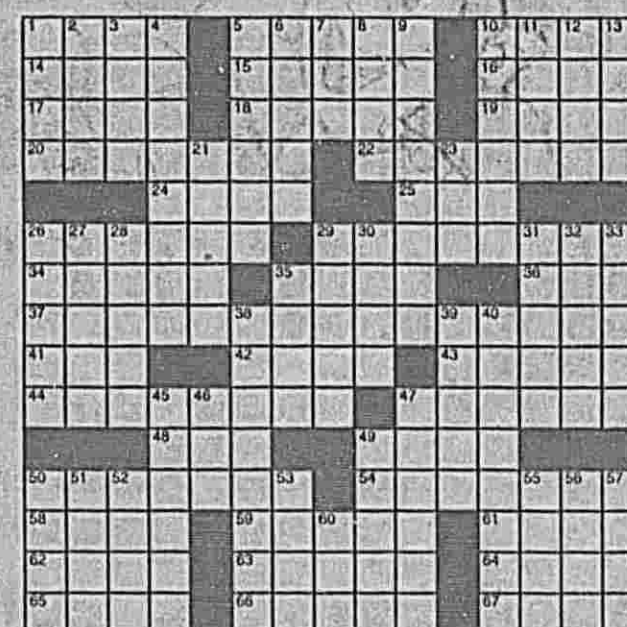
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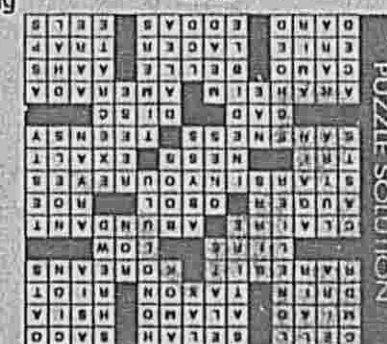
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14. Chinese minority aka Hmong
15. 1836 US siege location
16. First Chinese dynasty
17. Yugoslavian River
18. A group in a formal system of nomenclature
19. Group chaos
20. Cheese dish
22. Citizens of Seoul
24. Old Italian monetary units
25. Not high
26. Boothe Luce, American author
29. Present in great quantity
34. Plumber's snake
35. Ancient Greek coin
36. Fish eggs
37. Bedazzled
41. Denotes three
42. Untouchable Eliot
43. Glorify
44. Sound powers of the mind
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48. Scoundrel
49. This circular object
50. Disney town
54. Hess, oil company

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1. Military leader (abbr.)
2. Mammal genus
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4. More isolated
5. Trenchant wit or sarcasm
6. Fill with high spirits
7. Permissive
8. Murderous frenzy
9. State capital
10. Insightful and wise
11. Continent
12. Hair (alt. spelling)
13. Cereal grain
21. Makes a whirring sound
23. Director Howard
26. Molds
27. River Otter genus



28. Once more
29. Gulf
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38. Not suitable for food
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49. Trailing Indigo bush
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51. Ancient Japanese religious center
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55. Swiss river
56. "James and the Giant Peach" author
57. Cobras
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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You may want to tone down your outgoing tendencies and be a bit more conservative this week, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Use the power of flattery this week to get something you really have your eyes on, Capricorn. Whether it's a promotion or a gift from your sweetie, lay on the compliments.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Narrow-mindedness will not get you anywhere, so don't be stubborn.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Now that the holiday rush is about through, it's time to reign in expenses, Pisces.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Do you feel like disaster is in store?

You've had feelings like this before, and nothing ever came of it, Aries.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
A coworker has been making comments under his/her breath. It might not be something you're doing wrong.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Stop wasting time trying to get others to do what they are not interested in, Gemini.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
It's impossible to tackle everything on your to-do list at once, Cancer.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
If you're engaged in a struggle this week with an equally matched opponent, Leo, come to a compromise.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
This week you should lighten up, Virgo.

Interject some silly moments within the serious ones, and your mood will instantly be improved.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Old habits can be keeping you back from what you really want to enjoy, Libra.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22
The stars hand you a chance for some introspection this week, Scorpio.



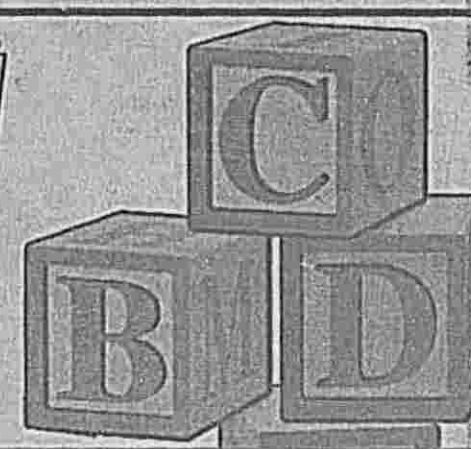
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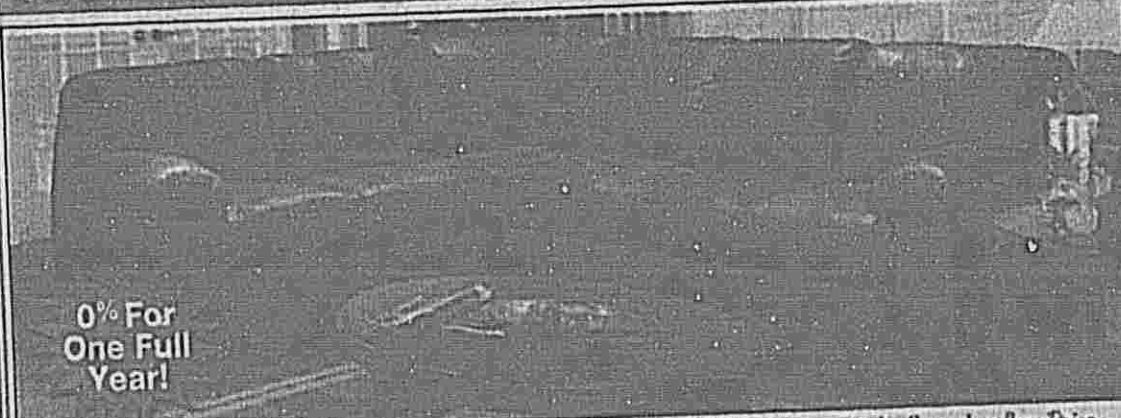
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Free breast and cervical cancer screenings are offered to eligible Lake County women through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP), located at the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center. Through the Program, women can receive, at no cost to them, a complete medical examination, a clinical breast exam and a pap test, as well as referral for a free mammogram at a local hospital. Women 35 years of age or older, who are underinsured or uninsured, and whose family income does not exceed 200% of federal poverty guidelines are eligible for this free program. Examinations are done at the clinics of the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, also through private providers, and are by appointment. To find out if you are eligible, please call the Health Department at (847) 377-8430.

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Men: Are you at risk? Get screened for prostate cancer

The Kidney & Urology Foundation a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping people avoid the debilitating effects of kidney and urologic diseases — disorders affecting as many as 70 millions Americans today — is urging men to get screened for prostate cancer if they suspect they may be at risk for the deadly disease. Men who are 50 years and older, who have a relative with prostate cancer, are of African-American descent or eat a lot of animal fat are at an increased risk for the disease.

Although early prostate cancer does not typically cause symptoms, some of the following conditions may indicate that you could be suffering from the disease:

- A need to urinate more often, especially at night
- Trouble starting urination
- Difficulty holding urine back
- An inability to urinate at

times

- Weak or interrupted flow of urine
- Painful urination or a burning sensation when urinating
- Difficulty in experiencing an erection
- Painful ejaculation
- Blood in urine or semen
- Pain and/or stiffness in the lower back, hips or upper thighs

If you are experiencing one or more of these symptoms, you may have prostate cancer or another health condition called benign prostatic hyperplasia, or simply an infection. Men who experience symptoms like these should visit an urologist — a physician who specializes in treating diseases of the genitourinary system.

The Kidney & Urology Foundation was formed to more aggressively focus on kidney and urology research, to nurture the development of new therapies and to make research and new therapies more accessi-



Don't let prostate cancer keep you from getting the most out of life. Get screened and get help.

ble to people in need. To learn more about prostate cancer or to find an urologist near you, contact the foundation by visiting www.kidneyurology.org #or calling (800) 633-6628.

Exercise caution during winter workouts

If you're planning on engaging in a sporting or fitness activity, your best bet is to choose equipment and clothing that will enhance your participation. Uncomfortable clothing or cumbersome footwear can make your activity unpleasant, possibly dissolving your resolve to stay active. The wrong footwear may also be potentially dangerous especially if you sprain your ankle or slip on wet surfaces.

There are a few factors to keep in mind when selecting the right fitness clothing, including:

- Be comfortable — Wear shorts, T-shirts or sweatpants. You want clothing that will not chafe your skin and will protect you from the sun when you're outside.
- Outdoor exercising — If you'll be doing the majority of your fitness routine outdoors, wear light-colored clothes, sunscreen and sunglasses. You may

also want clothing made out of a special wicking material to keep you cool and dry.

- Reflective clothing — Make sure your clothes and shoes have reflective material on them if you're doing any activity, like jogging, outdoors at night.
- Know your socks — If your socks are too thick or too thin they could cause you to get blisters, which can definitely ruin a good workout. Also, if your activ-

ity includes hiking, you may want to pack a backup pair of socks in case you step into a puddle or get wet. Damp feet can quickly ruin your hike.

- Selecting shoes — Wear the right shoes for your activity. For weight training and low-impact activities, consider a walking shoe or cross-training variety. If you'll be running, choose a supportive shoe that's also lightweight.



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Narcotics investigation leads to four arrests

Officials search for last suspect

Who and what

McHenry County Sheriff Keith Nygren announced recently the culmination of a four month long undercover narcotics investigation conducted by the McHenry County Sheriffs Police Narcotics Unit and SWAT Team with the assistance of Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group, Lake Zurich Police Department, and McHenry Police Department.

On Dec. 14, McHenry County Sheriffs investigators arranged to buy heroin at a Mobil Gas Station near the intersection of Routes 47 and 14, in Woodstock.

A black Dodge Ram pick-up truck occupied by two males parked at the Mobil Gas Station where they met an under cover officer and were taken into custody by members of the SWAT Team.

Recovered at the scene were 6.2 grams of heroin with a street value of \$700.

During the course of the investigation, approximately 30 grams of heroin was seized with a total street value of \$3,000. Additionally, 20 pills of Ecstasy, 11 pills of OxyContin, and three pills of Methadone

ARRESTED:

William T. Clinge, 27, 1238 Fordham Drive, Glendale Heights, Bond set at \$500,000

Charges:

- 4 counts unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class X Felony)
- 3 counts unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class 1 Felony)
- 1 count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (Class 1 Felony)

Troy D. Petras, 19, 125 Grove Lane, Barrington, Bond set at \$500,000

Charges:

- 2 counts unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class X Felony)
- 3 counts unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class 1 Felony)
- 5 counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (Class 4 Felony)

William C. Berard, Jr., 20, 21318 W. Ridge Lane, Lake Zurich, Bond set at \$300,000

Charges:

- 2 counts unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class X Felony)
- 1 count unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class 1 Felony)

were seized with a street value of \$700. Two individuals were taken into custody at the scene, two other individuals were

trolled substance (Class 1 Felony)

- 3 counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (Class 4 Felony)

Tiffany R. Patrick, 19, 25180 W. Lake Shore Drive, Ingleside, Bond set at \$100,000

Charges:

- 1 count unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class X Felony)
- 1 count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (Class 1 Felony)

WANTED as of Dec. 18:

Kelly R. Gawron, 17, last known address: 160 Burr Oak, Lake Zurich, Bond set at \$100,000

Charges:

- 2 counts unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (Class 1 Felony)
- 2 counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (Class 4 Felony)

The charges against the above listed defendants are merely allegations against them. All defendants are presumed innocent of any crime until proven guilty in a court of law.

taken into custody in Lake Zurich and one other individual is still wanted in connection with this investigation.

Defensive tackle's former gun charges under review

• JOHNSON

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Police have not yet identified suspects in the shooting, Briscoe said.

"Nothing either one of them [Johnson or Posey] did precipitated this random act," he added.

Briscoe declined to detail the events that prompted the shooting, citing the Chicago Police Department's continuing investigation.

About 12 hours earlier, Posey had appeared in court for a bond hearing regarding charges of possession of marijuana that stemmed from the raid on Johnson's home.

Posey lived with Johnson, Johnson's girlfriend, and the couple's two children, according to Gurnee Cmdr. Jay Patrick.

Briscoe said Johnson is "devastated" at the loss of Posey, his "best friend" for a decade.

"Tank has been a victim of circumstances," Briscoe said. "He was not responsible for [the shooting]."

The 6-foot-3, 300-pound Johnson is in his third season with the Bears. Smith cited the defensive tackle's charges as a complication for the team because of the recent injury to defensive lineman Tommie Harris and Johnson's brushes with the law during the past 18 months.

An incident in February resulted in charges of battery and resisting arrest against Johnson. Prosecutors later dropped the charges. Before that, Johnson had pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor unlawful gun possession charge.

And Dec. 14, police seized six guns, worth about \$4,000, and 2.25 ounces of marijuana from Johnson's house on Delany Road, Patrick said.

Johnson was charged with six counts of unlawful possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card and quickly posted bail.

A FOID requires an application and background check. Briscoe said Johnson's eligibility for the card is "subject to debate." He declined to comment further, citing pending litigation.

Police said they obtained a search warrant for Johnson's house in response to neighbors' complaints six weeks ago that Johnson had shot off a gun in his backyard, Patrick said.

Lake County Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey Pavletic said Cook County prosecutors are reviewing the most recent charges against Johnson to determine whether they will revoke his probation for a misdemeanor gun charge from 2005. Should they do so, Johnson would be resentenced, potentially to pay fines and receive up to one year in jail.

New building, generous people receive credit for event's success

• CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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"It's the most rewarding thing to do, so there's no way you can describe it," she said.

Jim Wogan, who has been in charge of the program for nine years, said more than 12,000 people benefitted from the gift program this year, with donations pouring in from various churches, schools and businesses from throughout the county.

The program is designed to help families and individuals recommended by the Department of Human Services, Catholic Charities' Emergency Services, Waukegan Public Schools, the Urban League, Public Action to Deliver Shelter, the Lake County Health Department and the Department of Child and Family Services.

Beneficiaries of the program filled

out wish lists. They were then matched up with a donor who shopped for the items specified by the individual or family.

The warehouse and garage at the former car dealership were transformed into a temporary site for thousands of donated toys, clothing items, electronics and games.

On Dec. 15, Wogan estimated that nearly all the gift packages would be distributed by the middle of the following week.

He added that the use of the building on Grand Avenue, which was provided free of charge by Svigo Asset Management Company, helped make the event successful.

"It allows us to operate on a shoestring [budget] and get more people helped," he said. "[Because] we don't have to devote resources to paying for the building then, of course, we've had more money to spend on people."

This year's event brought 1,000 more requests for gifts than in 2005, Wogan, a resident of Hawthorne Woods, explained. The increase made the need for volunteers even greater.

"We have a lot of very generous people involved," Wogan said. "The key to the whole thing is volunteers. We have probably 300 volunteers who will be a part of the program from start to finish. We have probably another 15 to 20 who are involved ... from September on. A lot of planning is involved."

St. Mary of Vernon, in Vernon Hills, the congregation of which the Abates are members, was a large contributor in both donations and volunteers this year.

Suzanne described the towering pile of boxes that built up in the church's sanctuary before they were shipped to the gift program's site in Waukegan.

"Even when I talk about it I get goose bumps," she said.

Giving back

Churches involved in Catholic Charities, Lake County Services, Christmas Gift Program, include St. Paul the Apostle Church and Church of the Annunciation in Gurnee, Grace Lutheran Church and Libertyville Covenant Church in Libertyville, St. Mary of Vernon in Vernon Hills, St. Gilbert's Church in Grayslake, Holy Cross Church in Deerfield, Immaculate Conception Church and Bethany United Methodist Church in Highland Park, and First United Methodist in Waukegan.

TAP Pharmaceuticals donated \$2,000 to the program. Employees at Hewitt Associates, Abbott Laboratories, Cardinal Health and Komatsu all adopted clients. Students at Stevenson, Carmel and Libertyville high schools and Kipling Elementary School adopted families as well. Several sailors from Great Lakes Naval Base also volunteered for the program.

CONRAD RICHARD WARREN

Born: March 18, 1959
Died: Dec. 12, 2006

OREGON - Conrad Richard Warren, age 47, of Oregon, Ill., died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006, in OSF St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford. He was born March 18, 1959, in Fayetteville, N.C., the son of Richard and Carolyn Lackey Warren. He married Mary Brennan in Chicago on March 21, 1998. He was a graduate of Wauconda High School, Class of 1978. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and was involved as an actor with various community theater groups and with Renaissance Faires throughout the country. He was an avid baseball fan, particularly the Cubs.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Oregon, Ill., and his father, Richard of Oregon, Ill. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn, and brother, Lance.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Dec. 15, at the Wauconda Cemetery, Wauconda, with Rev. Myron Bartell officiating. Visitation was from 9 to 11 a.m., Dec. 15, at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, in Oregon, Ill. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ROSEMARY C. HEIL (nee CLARK)

Born: April 2, 1923
Died: Dec. 13, 2006

Was proud of her work as a "Rosie the Riveter" during WWII

LIBERTYVILLE - Rosemary C. Heil (nee Clark), age 83, passed away Dec. 13, 2006, at Winchester House in Libertyville. Rosemary was a longtime resident of Grayslake. She volunteered for many years for Connections Telephone Counseling and Referral Service in Libertyville, where she provided crisis intervention, stress management and encouragement in relationships with others. Rosemary received the Meritorious Telephone Worker award for Volunteer Service from Connections on October 14, 1983.

Her sons, Goodwin (Lauren) Heil Jr., Michael (Jeannie) Heil, Terrence (Judy) Heil, and her daughter-in-law Cecelia; grandchildren; step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren. Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Kathryn (nee Fritz) Clark; her husband Goodwin A. Heil Sr. who passed away Aug. 12, 1981, and her son, Lawrence Heil who passed away Nov. 2, 2001.

A funeral service was scheduled for 10 a.m., Dec. 16, at Strang Funeral

Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. Interment followed at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

REBECCA J. VILLANO

Born: April 12, 1920
Died: Dec. 13, 2006

Was an office manager for Empire Welding Supply Co. in Fort Collins, Colo.

LIBERTYVILLE - Rebecca J. Villano, age 86 of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at her home. Surviving are her daughter, Cathy (Richard) Medina of Hawthorn Woods and four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and her brothers. She was preceded in death by her husband George Villano in 1984, by a daughter, Geraldine Bisulca in 1998 and by eight brothers and sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 16, at St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church in Indian Creek. Interment was in Johnstown, Colo. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 15, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, and again at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 16.

Memorial contributions can be made

to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

LUCILLE P. BLAKLEY

Born: Oct. 24, 1922
Died: Dec. 12, 2006

LIBERTYVILLE - Lucille P. Blakley, age 84 of Libertyville and formerly of Northbrook, passed away Dec. 12, 2006. She was born Oct. 24, 1922.

She was the loving mother of Robert Blakley of Hainesville, Mary (Ron) Tomanek of Lake Forest and William (Corinne) Blakley of Elk Grove, Calif.; devoted grandmother of Robert "RC" Ashley, Matthew and Alissa Tomanek, Tyler and Lora Blakley; sister of Dolores Zarnecki, (the late) Charles Peterson, Dorothy Ehtenschner; daughter of (the late) Carl and Florence Peterson

Visitation was from 3 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 16, with a service during the visitation at 7 p.m. at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Private interment was at Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to either Condell Hospice, 115 W. Church St., Libertyville, 60048 or Alzheimers Assn. 4709 Golf Road, 1015, Skokie, IL 60076. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

JANET ANN DOUCETTE

Born: Dec. 29, 1941
Died: Dec. 13, 2006

Loved to travel and enjoyed being with family and friends

EYOTA, MINN. - Janet Ann Doucette, age 64 of Eyota, Minn., formerly of Grayslake, Antioch and Round Lake Beach, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at her home. She had worked at the Orchard Medical in Antioch and later at Volkswagen in Grayslake. On Nov. 14, 1969, she married Jerry Doucette in Kenosha, Wis., and he preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1985.

Survivors include her children, David Underwood of Fox Lake, Debbie (Jeff) Holbein of Eyota, Minn., John (Lisja) Doucette of Portland, Ore., and Danielle (Jeff) Knox of Lindenhurst; her brother; and seven grandchildren. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by a sister.

Funeral service with Mass of Christian Burial was held a 10 a.m., Dec. 16, at Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa. Interment was private. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 15, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

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JODI LYNN HOCKETT

Born: Nov. 28, 1956

Died: Dec. 11, 2006

Was an employee of Goodwill Industries

PITTSBURGH – Jodi Lynn Hockett, age 50 of Pittsburgh, formerly of Libertyville, passed away suddenly Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at her home. She was an employee of Goodwill Industries.

Surviving are her son, Charles Ryan Hockett of Barrington; her father Kenneth Darby of Wapella, Iowa; three brothers; a sister; and her nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her mother, Anne Darby, in 1997.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m., Dec. 16, at Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 15, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MRFN JACK BERNARD VALENTINE

Born: Dec. 27, 1985

Died: Dec. 7, 2006

Enjoyed adventure sports, caving, rock climbing, camping and jungle racing

ZION – MRFN Jack Bernard Valentine, USN, age 20, of Zion, died on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. He was born Dec. 27, 1985, in San Diego.

MRFN Valentine died of complications from steam burns to 70 percent of his body and internal steam burns to his lungs. He was burned on Dec. 1, when a pressurized steam pipe burst during preventive maintenance testing on board U.S.S. Frank Cable, a submarine tender home ported in Guam. Seven of his shipmates also were burned in the accident.

He was a 2004 graduate of Zion-Benton Township High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Nov. 29, 2004. MRFN Valentine came from a Navy background, so his enlistment in the U.S. Navy came as little surprise to his family. His father served in the U.S. Navy for more than 24 years, his maternal grandfather served for 20 years, and his paternal grandfather served during WWII.

An uncle and four great-uncles also served in the Navy and other branches of the military. Jack had

bowled in a youth league for many years in Zion and enjoyed adventure sports such as caving, rock climbing, camping, and jungle racing. As a youth, he enjoyed attending Camp Zion and volunteering with his grandparents at the USO at Great Lakes.

He is survived by his parents, David and Colleen Valentine of Zion; sisters Kristina (Mark) Fosterud of Palatine, and Garnet Valentine at home; grandparents Bernard and Helen DeVries of Antioch; and aunts, Margaret (James) Cole of Antioch, Christine (Kenneth) Smith of Waukegan, Dianna (John) Baseley of Gurnee, and Sally Gillard of Norton Shores, Mich. Other relatives surviving include his niece Tristyn Valentine of Palatine; and numerous cousins in Lake and McHenry Counties in Illinois, Arkansas and Michigan. He also is survived by his long-term girlfriend, Stacy Gildenstern of Kenosha, Wis.; and long-time best friends, Robert Sykes (USN) and Jonathan Pitts (USN). He was preceded in death by his grandparents Jack and Ardye Valentine of Michigan.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m., Dec. 17, at Christ Community Church, in Zion. The funeral service with full military honors was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 18, also at Christ Community Church with Pastors Ken Langley and Jon Wiziard officiating. Interment at Ft. Sheridan Cemetery will be private.

Memorials to either Camp Zion, a ministry of Christ Community Church, or to the USO have been suggested. Please sign the online guest book at www.congdonfuneralhome.com. Congdon Funeral Home of Zion handled the arrangements. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits.

DIANE MARIE ALLEN

Born: Sept. 8, 1952

Died: Dec. 14, 2006

ROUND LAKE BEACH – Diane Marie Allen, age 54 of Round Lake Beach, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born on Sept. 8, 1952, in Chicago to Ronald and Hannah Lunsford.

Survivors include her life partner Jake Stoeckl; her children, Tammy Pauley and David Allen; her siblings Patricia (Billy) Nowack of Chicago, Pamela (Russ) Stinson of Round Lake, and Robin Lunsford of Round Lake; and her nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at 1 p.m., Dec. 17, at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. Interment was privately held. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 16, at the funeral chapel. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MICHAEL JOSEPH FURMAN

Born: July 25, 1978

Died: Dec. 14, 2006

Served his country with time in Iraq and overseas in Germany



LAKE VILLA – Michael Joseph Furman, age 28, of Lake Villa, passed away at his home on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006. He was born in Melrose Park, on July 25, 1978, the son of Mary-Jo Dempsey and Mark Furman. Michael was a retired Army Specialist in the U.S. Army. He bravely served his country with time in Iraq and overseas in Germany before being medically retired in December 2005. He was admired by all his family and his very many friends for his courage, bravery, strength and utmost dignity during his life.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn; his daughter, Michaela Josephine; his mother, Mary-Jo (Gerald) Dempsey of Lake Villa and father, Mark Furman of Downers Grove; his brothers and sister, Jeffrey (Krissie) Furman of Darien, Phillip (Michelle) Dempsey of Orland Park, Krystyn (Matt) Mulava of Elgin; his maternal grandmother Joanne Daly and maternal grandfather Albert (Sandra) Grempe and paternal grandmother Ruth Furman; his nieces and nephews; his aunts and uncles; and many loving cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Richard Furman and an aunt.

The funeral began at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 18, from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, to Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass. Visitation was Dec. 17, at the funeral home from 2 to 7 p.m. Interment was private at St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ANNA L. BURNETT (nee QUINNITT)

Born: April 29, 1929

Died: Dec. 14, 2006

Was a member of the Baxter Alumni Association

GRAYSLAKE – Anna L. Burnett (nee Quinnitt), age 77 of Grayslake, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006. She was born April 29, 1929, in Chicago to the late Robert and Josephine Quinnitt. Anna was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and the Baxter Alumni Association.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, James Burnett; her children Dennis (Denise), Ronald (Laura), John (Kim), Steve (Sandy), Raymond (Lisa), and Michael (Jill); her grandchildren;

and two brothers. Her aforementioned parents, and siblings, Bernice, Pat, Larry, Nick Quinnitt, and Gene Racette all precede her in death.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 18, at St. Mary of the Annunciation, in Mundelein. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., on Dec. 17, at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 S LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60604. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MARCELLA RAETZMAN

Born: March 10 1915

Died: Dec. 14, 2006

Was a member of St. Mary of Vernon Parish in Indian Creek

LONG GROVE – Marcella Raetzman, age 91, a former resident of Skokie and Vernon Hills, passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at the Arlington Rehabilitation Center in Long Grove. She was born on March 10, 1915, in Chicago.

Surviving are two daughters, Marcia (Arthur) Burke of Olathe, Kan., and Dianne (Jack) Horowitz of Libertyville; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Gordon Raetzman on Dec. 17, 1991, by a brother and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m., Dec. 18, at St. Joseph Church in Libertyville with the Rev. John P. Finnegan as celebrant. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was for 1 hour prior to Mass at the church. Memorials may be made to The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome (SADS) Foundation, 508 E. South Temple, Suite 20, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

LEONCIO C. RAMOS

Born: Jan. 13, 1954

Died: Dec. 13, 2006

Was a mechanical engineer

MUNDELEIN – Leoncio C. Ramos, age 52 of Mundelein, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He was born in the Philippine Islands. Leo was a mechanical engineer and was with the Motorola Corporation.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; two sons, Jason and Brian Ramos, all of Mundelein; his father, Maximo Ramos; a brother and a sister, all living in the

Philippines. He was preceded in death by his mother, Leonida Ramos.

Prayers began at 11 a.m., Dec. 19, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and services continued to Santa Maria del Popolo Catholic Church in Mundelein. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fremont Center. Visitation was from 2 to 8 p.m., Dec. 17, and 3 to 8 p.m., Dec. 18, at the funeral home. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

RAYMOND MICHAEL BURKE

Born: Nov. 13, 1941

Died: Dec. 14, 2006

Was a veteran of the Vietnam war having served in the U.S. Army



BURLINGTON, WIS. – Raymond Michael Burke, age 65 of Burlington, Wis., and formerly of Flippin, Ark., Fox Lake and Chicago, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at his home. He was born Nov. 13, 1941, in Chicago to John and Eileen Burke. Raymond was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the U.S. Army in Germany and Vietnam, and was a truck driver by profession and a member of the Teamsters Union of Chicago. He was an avid fisherman having extensively fished the Chain O'Lakes, and many lakes in Arkansas and Wisconsin. Ray was fond of animals and had the daily morning pleasure of watching deer in his yard. He also enjoyed riding his Harley. He loved being on the road traveling the country. One of his favorite destinations was Arizona.

He is survived by his loving companion, Char Mentek of Burlington, Wis.; his daughters, Brenda Eileen (Gerald J.) Buesing of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; and Kristin (Tim) Jepsen of Wonder Lake; his granddaughter, Lilayna Jepsen; his sister, Marilyn; his grandmother-in-law, Evelyn Denman, and many other relatives and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, John.

Arrangements were completed by K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake. Memorials in Raymond's memory will be appreciated to the family. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

SCOTT B. POHL

Born: Dec. 31, 1980

Died: Dec. 17, 2006

Loved listening to music and riding his bicycle

WAUKEGAN – Scott B. Pohl, age 25 of Waukegan, passed away Sunday,

Dec. 17, 2006, at Vista Medical Center East after an extended illness. He was born Dec. 31, 1980, in Waukegan. Scott loved listening to music and riding his bicycle. At the Kiley Center Scott had worked as a material packer.

Survivors include his parents, Le Roy (Gina) Pohl of Elkhorn, Wis., and Kim (Steve) Call of Antioch; a brother, Joe Call of Trevor, Wis.; two aunts, and an uncle.

The funeral was held at 7 p.m., Dec. 20, at Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was private in Hillside Cemetery. Visitation was held from 3 p.m. until the time of services Dec. 20, at the funeral home. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ELLEN E. LEONARD

Born: May 4, 1947

Died: Dec. 15, 2006

Was a registered nurse

LIBERTYVILLE – Ellen E. Leonard, age 59 of Libertyville, passed away Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at the Winchester House in Libertyville. She was a registered nurse, attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and finishing her nursing program in Madison, Wis.

Surviving are two children, Michael Leonard of Milwaukee, Michelle (Greg Tisoris) Leonard of Mundelein; and a grandson.

Private services were held on Dec. 18 from the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MOLLY DENISE BURNS

Born: Jan. 20, 1966

Died: Dec. 13, 2006

Owned and operated the Antioch Early Learning Center



ANTIOCH – Molly Denise Burns, age 40 of Antioch, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Aurora Medical Center, Kenosha, Wis., from an apparent heart attack. She was born Jan. 20, 1966, in Tulsa, Okla., the daughter of Lewis and Wyona (Beason) Burns. She moved to Antioch nearly 20 years ago where she has owned and operated the Antioch Early Learning Center and was known as "Miss Molly" to many, many children. She was a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and loved to do scrapbooking

and arts and crafts.

Survivors include her son, Jeremy Lewis Burns; her parents, Lewis and Wyona Burns of Dundee; her brother and sisters, Brent Burns of Elgin, Melinda (Greg) Snyder of Dundee and Shawna (Greg) Freels of Bristol, Wis., her niece and nephews, Bethany, Patrick, Taylor, Jarrett and Noble.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 18, at Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Route 83), with burial following in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was at the funeral home from 2 to 6 p.m., Dec. 17. In lieu of flowers donations may be made, in her memory, to the YMCA Camp Duncan, 32405 N. Hwy. 12, Ingleside, IL 60041. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

CAROL A. KENDALL

Born: Sept. 11, 1937

Died: Dec. 16, 2006

Was a retired operator and repair clerk for Illinois Bell

VERNON HILLS – Carol A. Kendall, age 69 of Vernon Hills, passed away Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Surviving are her son, Mark Kendall of Waukegan; her grandson; a sister; a nephew and a niece. She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore C. Kendall Jr. in 2001 and by her son, Theodore C. Kendall III in 2000.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 20, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 19. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Assn. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

WILLIAM J. DEIGAN

Born: Nov. 6, 1920

Died: Dec. 15, 2006

Enjoyed the outdoors, golfing and fishing

LIBERTYVILLE – William J. Deigan, age 86 of Libertyville, passed away Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Lake Forest Hospital. Bill was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Libertyville.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Deigan of Libertyville; two sons, Gary (Patricia) Deigan of Libertyville and Geoff (Roz) Deigan of Gurnee; three grandchildren; and his sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nellie Deigan and by four

brothers.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 18, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made c/o William Deigan to American Lung Assn., 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

PHILIP A. GANCE JR.

Born: April 28, 1948

Died: Dec. 16, 2006

Had operated the Electric Garage Door Service for many years

ANTIOCH – Philip A. Gance Jr., age 58 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at his home. He was born April 28, 1948, in Evanston, the son of the late Philip A. and Dorothy (Vikartofsky) Gance. Phil had lived in Kenilworth and Glenview, before moving to Antioch in 1992. Before his retirement he had operated the Electric Garage Door Service for many years.

Survivors are his former wife, Kathy Gance of Antioch; his special cousin, Jack McCall of Lake Geneva, Wis.; two nephews and numerous cousins. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Bernard Gance.

Graveside services were held at Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Arrangement are entrusted to the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. In lieu of flowers donations may be made, in his memory, to the Open Arms Mission, P.O. Box 79, Antioch, IL 60002 or the Antioch Rescue Squad. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ELLA LOU SCOTT

Born: June 17, 1938

Died: Dec. 15, 2006

Had operated the Stop In Bar and Grill in Spring Grove

VIBURNUM, MO. – Ella Lou Scott, age 68 of Viburnum, Mo., passed away Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at her home. She was born June 17, 1938, in Ingleside, the daughter of the late Stanley and Leona (Mohr) Weideman. She had lived in Bristol, Wis., for many years and Antioch for three years before moving to Missouri 15 years ago. On Sept. 8, 1962, she married Charles Scott in Chicago. She and her husband had operated the Stop In Bar and Grill in Spring Grove, for several years.

Survivors are her four daughters, Carlita (Richard) Trevithick of Ingleside, Anastasia (Vince Niemiec)

Scott of Fox Lake, Ramona (Dave) Seabaugh of Round Lake, and Rebecca Scott of Trevor, Wis.; her grandchildren, Dusten Charles and Aspen Parker and her brother, Lee (Dolores) Weideman of Fox Lake. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Clifford Weideman.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 20, at Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment followed in Grant Cemetery in Ingleside. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 19. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

DOROTHY F. NELSON

Born: Aug. 28, 1922

Died: Dec. 11, 2006

Was a homemaker and a coach's wife



CAPE CORAL, Fla. – Dorothy F. Nelson, age 84 of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Antioch and Peoria, passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, in Cape Coral. She was born on Aug. 28, 1922, in Galva, the daughter of the late John and Edith (Mulberry) Looney. On Aug. 7, 1948, she married Roy Nelson in Naperville, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 2000. Dorothy lived in Antioch for many years and was a homemaker and a coach's wife. She had lived in Peoria, before moving to Florida two years ago.

Survivors are her son Rick Nelson of St. Louis and her daughter Candi (Candace) Morgenthaler of Cape Coral; her brother Merv (Jeanne) Looney of Galva; and her sister, Irma Updyke of Peoria, and five grandchildren, Derek, Bret and Kiel Nelson and Jenna and Jill Morgenthaler.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21, at Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Rte 83). Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was at 1 p.m., Dec. 21, until the time of services. In lieu of flowers donations may be made, in her memory, to the Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, Fla. 33908. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

DELORES A. PUDER

Born: Sept. 30, 1927

Died: Dec. 16, 2006

Was a member of the Amvets, VFW and Lions Club

ROUND LAKE BEACH – Delores A. Puder, age 79 of Round Lake Beach,

passed away Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006. She was born in Forestville, Wis., to Clarence and Myrtle (nee Starr) Stach on Sept. 30, 1927. She was a former president of the American Legion.

Survivors include her children, Carol Porter of Volo, Evelyn (Richard) Krajewski of Spring Grove, Kathleen (David) Sjolholm of Wilson, Mich., Charles Puder of Round Lake Beach, Robert (Deborah) Puder of Ingleside and Susan (Raymond) Lopez of Round Lake Heights; her 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her two brothers. Her husband, Karl Puder, two brothers, a great-grandchild, and aforementioned parents preceded her in death.

Friends of the family visited from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 20, at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd. in Grayslake. The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 21, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Round Lake Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to either the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International, Ste. 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60060 or the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60604, would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MICHAEL E. CHICKEY

Born: Dec. 24, 1951

Died: Dec. 17, 2006

Enjoyed hobbies of electronics, computer technology and fishing

LIBERTYVILLE – Michael E. Chickey, age 54 of Libertyville, passed away suddenly, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born Dec. 24, 1951, in Milwaukee. He was a manufacturers representative for MC Sales, his own company of industrial products in Libertyville.

Surviving are his wife, Janet (nee Hagen) Chickey and four children, John, Elizabeth, Margaret and Katherine, all of Libertyville; five sisters; two brothers; his mother, Virginia Chickey of Stoughton, Wis.; two brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law; his best friend, Jasmine and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 21, at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St., in Libertyville. Interment was on Friday, Dec. 22, in the church columbarium. Visitation was from 3 to 8 p.m., Dec. 20, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial contributions can be made to the family, as an education fund is being established for his children. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Harvick's 'moonlighting' further proof of his racing skills

Kevin Harvick won the Busch Series championship and finished fourth in the Nextel Cup points standings in 2006.

That's quite a season's work. What's more, Harvick won his second Busch championship by the widest margin, 824 points, in history. He won nine races, one shy of Sam Ard's 1983 record, and piled up 32 finishes in the top 10. There were only 35 races altogether. Nothing can undermine that remarkable level of consistency.

In terms of Harvick's performance, the biggest complaint about the current status of the Busch Series is invalid. Many observers consider it a bit unfair for Cup regulars to compete full time in the Busch Series, as well. It's kind of like the St. Louis Cardinals winning both



HARVICK

the World Series and the International League.

In Harvick's case, however, it can't be said that he won the title against inferior competition. Eight Cup drivers finished in the top 10. He and his Richard Childress Racing team had to outperform Carl Edwards, teammate Clint Bowyer, Denny Hamlin, J.J.

Yeley, Kyle Busch, Greg Biffle and Reed Sorenson, not to mention the two Busch Series "specialists," Paul Menard and Johnny Sauter, who also finished in the top 10.

The ranks of the full-time "moonlighters" — I hate the term "Busch-whackers" — will be

quite a bit smaller in 2007. Harvick has announced he won't compete for the Busch title again, though he will be around for a lot of the races. The latest estimate is that only Edwards, Dave Blaney and David Ragan will compete full-time in both series.

That, of course, makes Edwards the odds-on favorite. Though obliterated by Harvick, Edwards won four races and collected 25 top-10 finishes, which are numbers that would probably win the title in most seasons.

For what it's worth, there isn't any historical problem with Cup drivers making appearances in the Busch Series from time to time. The desire of prominent drivers to be active in other series is as old as the sport itself. A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti, among many others, used

to show up at sprint car tracks while they were winning Indy-car titles.

But too many Cup drivers can stunt the growth of the young drivers coming up, and that's the situation that was in place in 2006. Cup drivers won every Busch race but two. Menard won once, as did David Gilliland.

As Cup teams began filling vacancies, the common view was that all the talent had been tapped. Why was there a shortage of talent? In part, it was because the Busch Series had run dry, and most of the water from the well had been guzzled by Cup drivers and teams.

— By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

HE SAID WHAT?

■ "Racing is what I do for fun. I've got to be honest. Golf's a cool sport, but if I'm going to go out and do something, I'd rather go racing." — **Robby Gordon**

■ "I don't know nothing about nothing, but what I know about, I know." — **Mark Martin**

■ "If these fans are going crazy in the stands, these guys in the cars will be on each other's asses." — wrestler **Hulk Hogan**, grand marshal at Dover.

■ "You've got to understand that the totem pole on our team is horizontal. It's not vertical." — owner **Chip Ganassi**, failing to realize that a totem pole can't possibly be horizontal.

■ "I felt like Rocky Balboa in the 15th round." — **Boris Said**, after finishing fourth in the Pepsi 400 at Daytona.

■ "Race-car driving is a little like sex. All men think they're good at it. So when you're out there by yourself, you're actually good at it until somebody else comes on the track." — talk-show host **Jay Leno**, after driving the pace car at the Daytona 500.

Gordon becomes a family man

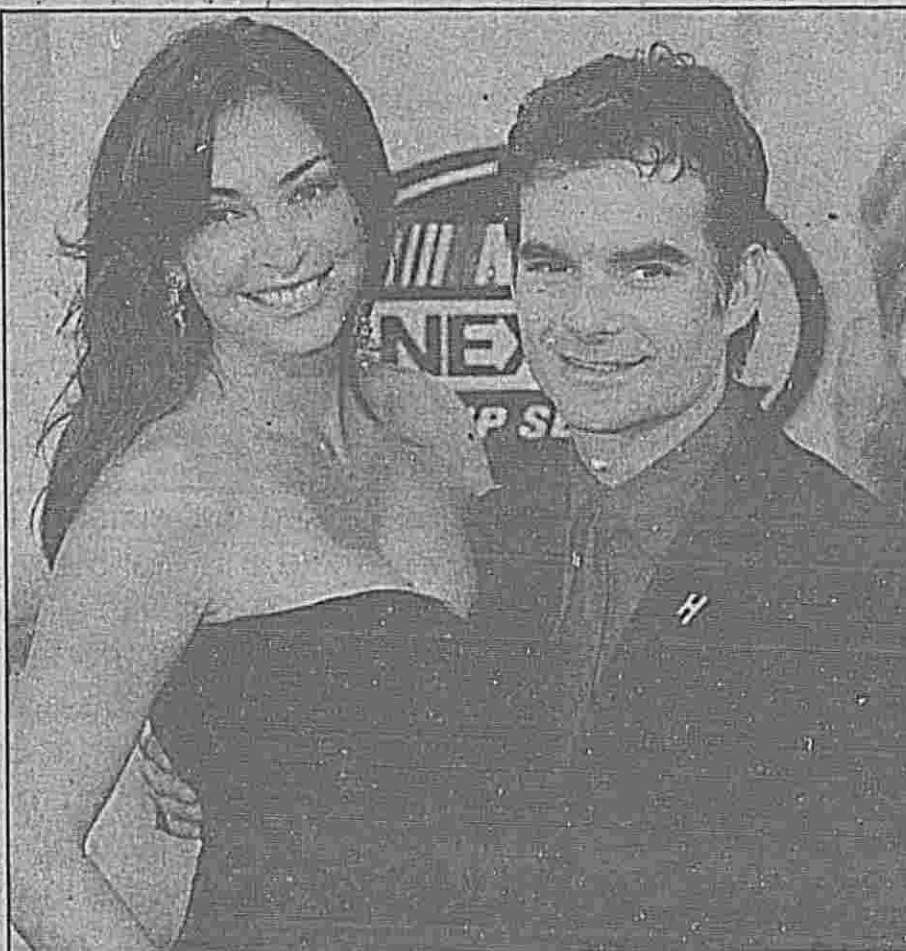
It has been a holiday season Jeff Gordon won't soon forget.

He announced on Dec. 13 that his new wife, Ingrid Vandebosch, is pregnant. In a statement on his Web site (www.jeffgordon.com), Gordon said: "We're obviously very excited. Christmas came early for us this year. This is a very special gift for us, one that we're both looking forward to. The due date is early July, and Ingrid and I can't wait to be parents. We've known for a little while, but we couldn't wait any longer to share the good news with our friends and fans."

On Dec. 16, he helped cut the ribbon at the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital, a 28-bed pediatric unit at NorthEast Medical Center in Concord, N.C. Gordon, who made children's charities a top priority of his foundation, pledged \$1 million of the roughly \$11 million needed for the project.

— Monte Dutton

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Jeff Gordon and new wife Ingrid are expecting their first child.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Earnhardt



Earnhardt

Dale Earnhardt Jr. vs. Teresa Earnhardt

In a Wall Street Journal interview, the driver had his commitment questioned by his stepmother, who suggested Junior might spend too much of his time engaged in activities other than racing.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "This is all about posturing. Earnhardt Jr.'s contract is up at the end of 2007. The biggest story here, by the way, is that Teresa Earnhardt granted an interview, and she seized a fine opportunity to float a trial balloon."

Parsons hampered by additional health issues

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Benny Parsons, the 1973 Winston Cup champion and longtime television analyst, has suffered additional health setbacks in the wake of treatment for lung cancer.

The 65-year-old Parsons reported that he was having trouble breathing. A body scan revealed no cancer, but the radiation treatments necessary to eradicate the growths caused irreparable damage to his left lung. The tumor there had been so large that the radiation treatment was more than the

lung could withstand.

Parsons' right lung is healthy and strong, and doctors hope that, with time, he will be able to adjust to breathing with one lung. For now, however, he requires constant oxygen, through a breathing apparatus, to function.

Busch Series sponsor — Clint Bowyer, entering his second year in Nextel Cup, will no longer compete full time in the Busch Series, but he will have

BB&T Corporation as primary sponsor for 17 Busch races during the next two seasons.

BB&T, based in Winston-Salem, N.C., operates more than 1,450 financial centers in the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Indiana and the District of Columbia.

Bowyer, from Emporia, Kan., has won three times in 87 Busch Series starts. In Cup, Bowyer, 27, had four top-five and 11 top-10 finishes during his rookie season in Richard Childress Racing's No. 07 Chevrolet.

On a dare — Truck Series driver Brendan Gaughan recently completed a half marathon in his hometown, Las Vegas, as a result of a challenge from a friend in the Air Force.

Gaughan's team has a Military Appreciation Program, one component being a relationship with the A-10 Tactical Fire Squadron School at Nellis Air Force Base. Gaughan and a Sgt. Freeman — in Gaughan's words "a special operations guy" — competed in the half marathon on Dec. 10.

"He (Freeman) basically

called me out," said Gaughan. "He called me a chicken, and, in the words of Michael J. Fox's character in 'Back to the Future,' nobody calls me yellow."

"Right now, I think every joint in my body hurts," said Gaughan the day after the event.

Chevy in USAC — Two-time Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart announced that Chevrolet will provide power and sponsorship for his entries in the United States Auto Club and World of Outlaws next year.

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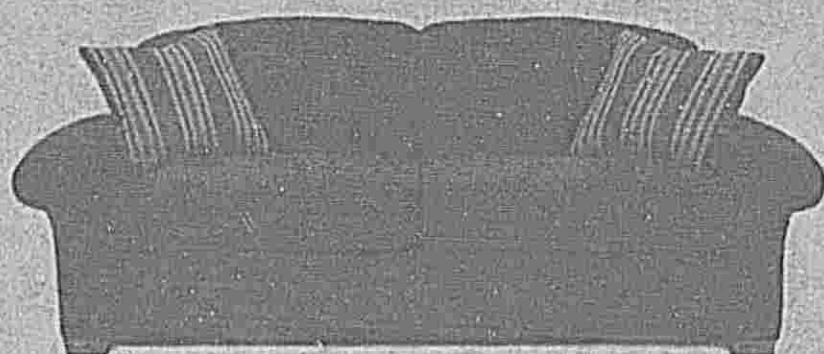
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Overcoming Vegas odds

Round Lake's Jose Hernandez tops 20-0 boxer two win HBO bout

By DENYS BUCKSTEN

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Before his fight, Jose Hernandez was dead certain that if aspiring Golden Boy Jason Litzau, could be drawn into a brawl in their Dec. 9 featherweight bout in Miami, t h e n Hernandez would knock him out.

Litzau, arriving at Miccosukee Resort and Casino at 20-0 with 18 knockouts, was drawing more hype than Paris Hilton attending a teamsters convention. One report had Las Vegas odds makers installing Litzau, 23, as a 5-to-1 favorite over Hernandez, 30, in the scheduled 10-rounder.

Near the end of the first round, Hernandez momentarily knocked Litzau to one knee, with a straight right to the jaw, set up by a right uppercut. But, for the next six rounds, it looked to many, including analysts for the nationally telecast "HBO Boxing After Dark," that Hernandez was the one getting "softened up" for a knockout by the faster, slicker and taller Litzau.

Entering the eighth round, HBO commentators marveled at the beating the gutsy Hernandez - hopelessly behind on the scorecards - was taking and his willingness to carry the fight to Litzau.

If others thought Hernandez was in serious trouble, he and his corner did not. Although nearly 2 inches shorter than the 5-foot-10 Litzau, Hernandez had seen what he needed to in the seventh round.



Jose Hernandez

"I knew I was hurting him in the seventh," Hernandez said. "Because he doesn't have a poker face when he's hurt. And a fighter's instinct when he's hurt is to fight. I knew I was stronger and could hit harder, and that he couldn't hurt me. I was going to take him out of his comfort zone."

Video replays of the seventh and eighth rounds clearly show that Hernandez, although absorbing steady punishment, relentlessly was pressuring the taller man and starting to "measure" him for a knockout punch.

Starting the eighth round, a renewed Hernandez continued stalking Litzau, seemingly less mindful of the younger boxer's punches.

"His punches had less steam and I could see in his eyes that he was done," Hernandez said. "I knew if I got my shot, I was going to catch him and take him out."

And, at 2:52 of the eighth, after slowing Litzau with several power punches, Hernandez caught the St. Paul Sensation with "the best right hand I have ever thrown," an overhand missile that snapped the taller fighter's head around. With the shot, Litzau went down, made a futile gesture to get up and was counted out.

With the exception of their fighter absorbing too many blows, it was a fight plan that had gone as expected by the Hernandez camp. Take Litzau into the unfamiliar territory of the late rounds, get him used to straight rights from the shoulder and set him up for a knockout with an overhand right that he wouldn't expect - or be able to sidestep.

The knockout immediately

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Round Lake's Jerome Brown goes up for a shot against Wauconda's Jordan Hylan (left) during a game Dec. 15. Brown scored 11 points, but it was not enough as the Bulldogs edged the Panthers, 48-47.

BOYS BASKETBALL: WAUCONDA 48, ROUND LAKE 47

Bilisko, Bulldogs tip Panthers

By STEVE PETERSON

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WAUCONDA - Because of an expansion project, this is the last year for the Wauconda High School gym as its status as the host of the main event. And the Bulldogs started off on a good note.

Wauconda nosed out Round Lake, 48-47, in a much-needed win for the Bulldogs, now 1-2 in the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division and 5-3 overall.

After eight games on the road, it indeed was good to be home.

"Coach was joking about us being the last team to have a home game," Wauconda senior Steve Bilisko said. "Our fans are so great."

The fans urged silence, though, as Bilisko stepped to the free-throw line with 12.5 seconds left and the Bulldogs down, 47-46. He calmly swished both free throws for the lead, and ultimately the win.

"Steve is pretty solid from the free-throw line," Bulldogs coach Rich Wolf said. "We said, 'After Steve makes his second one ...'"

Despite the late-game deficit, the Panthers had their shot to steal the victory. Round Lake

leading scorer Jaquan Glover (16 points) had a good look at a last-second shot, but missed. Fittingly, Bilisko grabbed the final rebound.

Wauconda also received steady efforts at both ends from Mike Sheffield with eight points. Kyle Vogel had seven points and Scott Wahl had some key baskets down the stretch off assists from Bilisko.

Before Bilisko even lined up for his free throws, the game looked as if it could have had a completely different outcome. Round Lake led by as many as 11 points in the first half before Wauconda put up an 11-1 run to pull the Bulldogs to within 20-19 at halftime.

"We had it. We knew it would be a close game, but we missed 13 free throws," Round Lake coach Jeremy Fischer said. "We started to make them in the fourth quarter, but you have to make them for all quarters. I'm optimistic that we can do it. We're this close."

The Panthers, who also got 11 points from junior Jerome Brown, led 19-8 at one point, as they tried for their first division win. Junior Tommy Davis was the big force early, with four points and four rebounds in the first quarter. But Round Lake (1-8) did not start Glover, who was averaging 18 points a game, because of an illness.

On the Sidelines

Bulldogs keep Mead in mind, on uniforms

Wauconda's **Michelle Machon** has done a very powerful thing.

In a literal sense, all she ever did was sew a few black stripes on the Wauconda boys varsity basketball team's home uniforms, but the stripes are far more than mere pieces of cloth.



Daniel J. Patrick

Last Friday, Wauconda's Bulldogs unveiled their home uniforms in the first home game of the season against the Round Lake Panthers. While that might not sound like much, the home uniforms now carry black stripes in memory of former Bulldogs big man **Jack Mead**.

After a long battle with cancer, Mead passed away in October at the age of 17. This year would have been his senior season.

In the grand scheme of things, sports are a very small and fleeting activity. But when you're in high school, your entire life seems to revolve around just three or four months of competition.

As fleeting as sports may be, the ones you compete with no longer are just classmates — they're family. And losing a teammate is one of the hardest things for any young athlete, or for that matter, any young person.

When I was a high school freshman on the football team, I distinctly remember wearing a small "#38" on the team T-shirt in memory of an athlete who died in a car crash earlier that summer.

At the age of 14, mortali-

ty was about the furthest thing from my mind, and I had never even met the young man it commemorated. But I do remember the power of having those three symbols at the bottom of my football shirt. Every time I suited up, I remember looking down at those numbers and thinking about what a shame it is to lose someone before the prime of their life.

Now, more than a decade after I suited up for the last time, the number 38 is still burned into my psyche. I can only imagine how much stronger those feelings would be if I had grown up and truly competed with my would-be teammate.

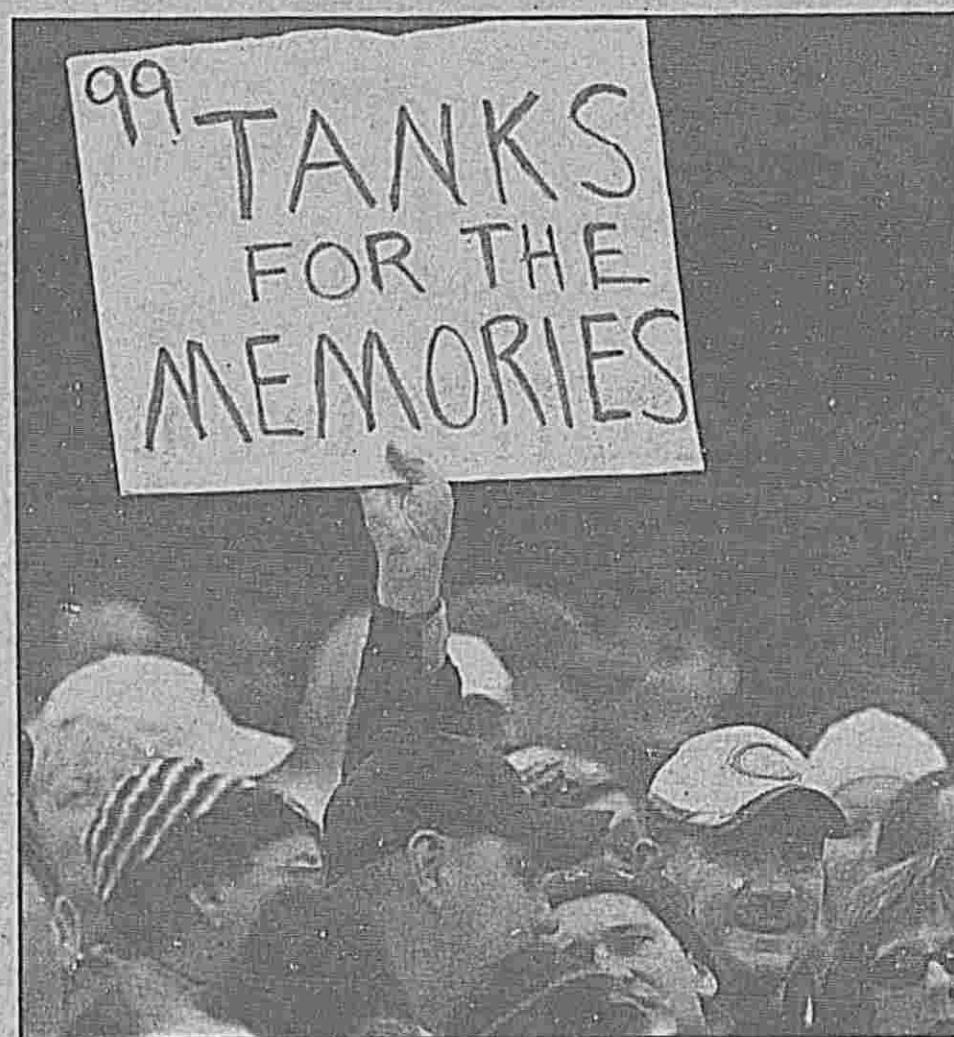
But I do know the power that those black stripes will hold for the Wauconda Bulldogs.

I think it's about time for every parent of a prep athlete out there to seriously limit their viewership of professional sports these days. Between Gurnee resident **Tank Johnson's** continuing troubles and the most recent NBA brawl, if young athletes need something to shoot for, it's definitely not the current mental state of professional athletes.

Now, let's be honest, professional athletes were never really known as model citizens, but to see pro basketball players land haymakers on national TV while an NFL lineman doesn't have the good sense to stay in his house after getting arrested makes me think that prep athletes should stay as far away from professional athletes as possible.

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Tank's second chance



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A Bears fan holds a sign acknowledging defensive tackle Terry "Tank" Johnson, who was not allowed to play Sunday following weapons charges earlier last week. The Bears announced Tuesday that the Gurnee resident will remain with the team, but will miss this week's game against the Detroit Lions.

PREP ROUNDUP

Rucks' game-winner carries Vernon Hills past Wauconda

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Vernon Hills' **Lauren Rucks** (eight points, nine rebounds) hit a big shot with 10 seconds remaining to secure a 45-44 victory against Wauconda in North Suburban Conference Prairie Division girls basketball action.

Mallory Feece led the Cougars with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while **Courtney Kimes** scored 17 points, including eight in the fourth quarter for Wauconda.

Wauconda's **Katie LePage** and **Kelsie Pizure** added 10 and nine points, respectively.

GIRLS BOWLING

Libertyville 2,121, Lakes 1,812

Different competitors stepped up at different times to add up to the big 300-pin victory for the Wildcats.

In the first game, **Gracie Feely** led with a 176. In the second, it

was **Katie Ackley** with 182, and in the third, **Katie Scholz** led with 174 en route to the big win.

All but one Wildcat bowled over a 400 series, while only one Eagle, **Vanessa Villareal** (410), managed to break that score.

Lakes' **Maddie Nelson** and **Becky Malta** had the high scores for the Eagles, each rolling a 149 in the first game.

WRESTLING

Carmel 54, Lakes 21

Lakes got wins from **Grant Franson** (103 pounds), **Matt Holmes** (119) and **Nick Metzel** (140), all scoring pins for 18 of the Eagles' 21 points, while **Ben Rehm** got the only other Lakes victory.

From then on, it was all Carmel as Lakes forfeited six weight classes to give the Corsairs a 36-point cushion. Carmel got wins from heavy-weight **Dan Clinton**, **Brian Beske**,

RL boxer shines in HBO bout

BOXING

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went into Instant Replay Heaven, on HBO and elsewhere, in photo montages on boxing Web sites around the country.

Litzau trainer **Bob Van Syckle** said this week that Hernandez's knockdown of Litzau in the first round should have made his fighter content to ride his superior reach and boxing skills to an easy decision.

"Jason did not stay outside," Van Syckle said. "His warrior instinct took over and he wanted to impress HBO and the fans and keep it exciting. That wasn't the plan."

Hernandez, now 22-3 with 14 KOs, could be ranked as high as fifth in the world by the International Boxing Federation this week, manager **Larry Christian** said.

Similar rankings are expected from the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Organization — rankings formerly held by Litzau.

D.J. Fairfield and Will Robinson.

Grays. Cent. 48, St. Viator 24; St. Patrick 50, Grays. Cent. 20

Led by pinfall victories from **Justus Depke**, **Drew Stephens**, **Nick Jauquette**, **Brian Valdivia** and **Steven DeJesus**, Grayslake Central doubled up host St. Viator in a triple dual that included St. Patrick.

Unfortunately for the Rams, only Depke and Lund came away with victories as Grayslake fell to St. Patrick.

Grant 62, Lakes 9

With five forfeits giving Grant a 30-point cushion, the Bulldogs still steamrolled past Lakes in the NSC-Prairie matchup.

Grant's **Izzy Montemayor** (125) and **Tyler Becker** (140) won by pinfall for the Bulldogs.

Lakes' **Nick Metzel** (145) was able to get a pin victory for the Eagles.

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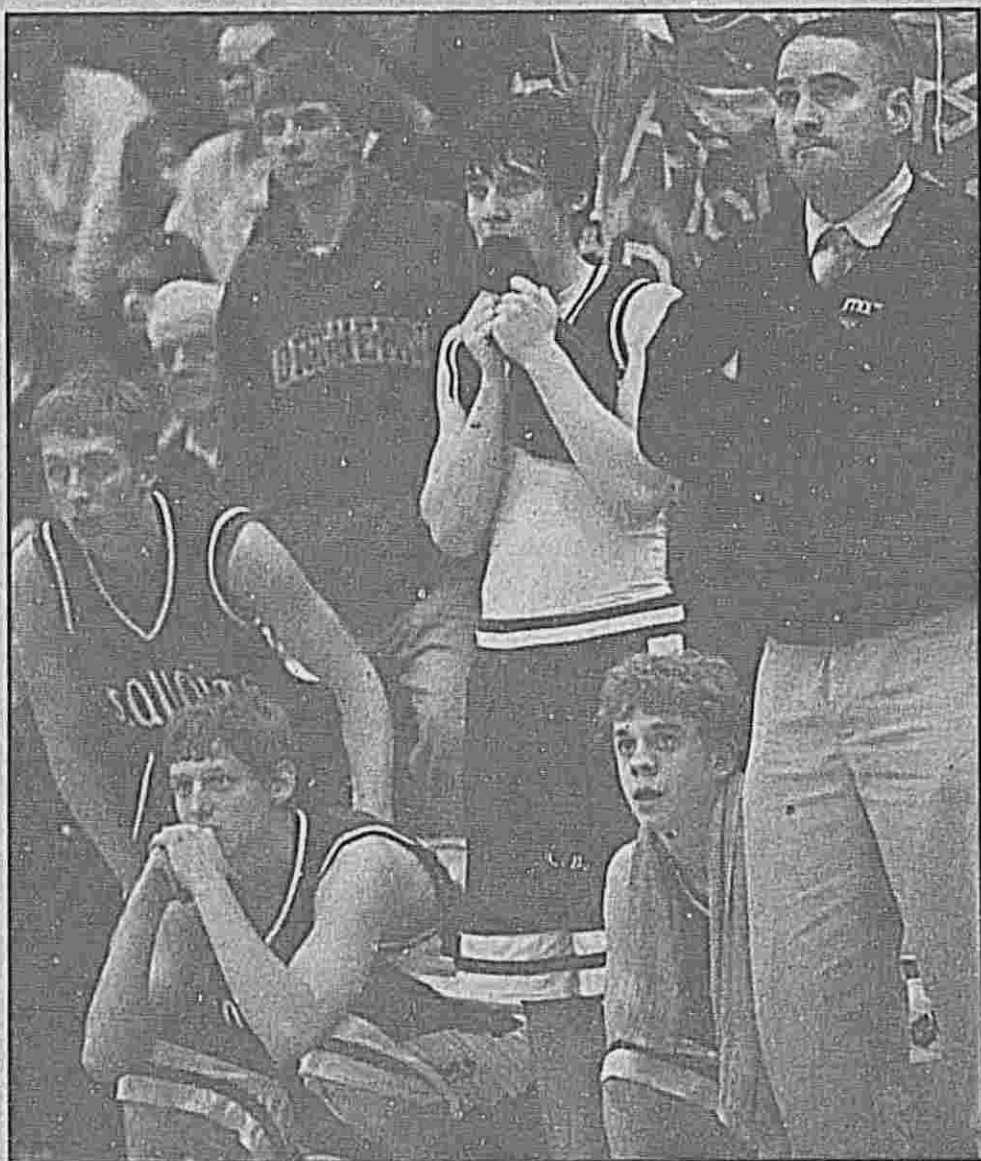
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Tension fills the air as Antioch's (left to right) Jeff Lorenzen, Brett Paramski, Brett McKenzie, Drew Moncelle and coach Tom Duffy watch near the end of a triple-overtime game against Lakes on Saturday. Antioch won the game, 94-88.

BOYS BASKETBALL: ANTIOCH 94, LAKES 88 (3 OT)

Shooting melee goes to Sequoits

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

It might have taken three overtimes, but Antioch finally was able to defeat a squad of former classmates, beating Lakes, 94-88, in a North Suburban Conference Prairie Division classic.

Facing a 31-27 halftime deficit, Antioch (2-7, 2-2 NSC-Prairie) answered back by outscoring Lakes, 17-9, in the third quarter. But after regulation, the teams were knotted at 60-all.

After the first overtime, it was a 67-all tie, and after two extra sessions it was 77-all.

Lakes' trio of stars, Sean Hertz, Chuck Kempf and Kevin Guirand, did all the shining they possibly could with 31, 25 and 20 points respectively. But it just wasn't enough for the victory.

With only seven Eagles playing in the game, coach Brian Phelan certainly has his players

in tip-top shape.

Hertz got his 31 thanks to an impressive touch from beyond the arc. The senior guard drilled five three-pointers, but the Sequoits showed they can shoot, as well, with Jeff Lorenzen, Craig Holst and Andre Sobalvarro each hitting two three-pointers apiece.

While the Eagles (4-6, 2-2 NSC-Prairie) relied on a tremendous trio for 76 of their 88 points, the Sequoits took a much more balanced approach. Five Sequoits finished in double-digits. Jason Sippy led with 16 points, Holst had 15, Brett McKenzie 14, Brett Paramski 13 and Lorenzen 12.

With three overtimes and a high-scoring conference classic, this is the stuff great crosstown rivalries are made of.

"It was simply an amazing game," Antioch coach Tom Duffy said in a press release. "Both teams refused to lose, but Antioch finally triumphed in the end."

GIRLS BASKETBALL: WAUCONDA 61, FRANCIS PARKER 16

Bulldogs' defense paves way to title

By STEVE PETERSON

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WAUCONDA — Wauconda girls basketball coach Tim Bartusch wanted to see more intensity on defense from his offensively-talented team.

The Bulldogs did just that, executing a new game plan on defense in a 61-16 win against Chicago school Francis Parker in the Wauconda Tournament championship.

Lauren Mead led the way with 17 points as the starters played only two and a half quarters.

Mead, who, at 6-foot-1 can garner a lot of attention, was working on another aspect of her game.

"Coach Bartusch was having me work on my free throws, using one fluid motion," Mead said.

"Winning the tournament is huge. We played hard on defense, pushing the floor. We want to still have a pretty good year."

According to the coach, her new free-throw

mechanics could not have come at a better time for the Bulldogs.

"Lauren has been able to hold up her end of the bargain," Bartusch said. "She started to see some double teams at the end of last year, so this is a continuation of that."

As a result of her efforts, Mead's scoring has grown in recent games. She has tallied double-digit scoring in all but one game.

Junior Courtney Kimes scored eight and 10 points in the last two tournament games and like Mead, was named to the all-tournament team.

"We figured out that their guards only went to their right hand, so we tried to make them go left," Kimes said.

The Bulldogs also fine-tuned their defensive attack.

"This was a new defense [and] it was nice to see the energy," Bartusch said. "It helps that we are quicker than we have been in the past."

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—● One Man's Opinion

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Super Bowl XIII in Miami, January 1979, always will be my favorite. It was my first and our last Super Bowl with my dad, who unexpectedly passed away only two months after that game.

One of the highlights was on the Friday morning before the game, before commissioner Pete Rozelle's press conference, when my dad fulfilled a lifetime dream of mine, introducing me to George Halas and arranging for us to spend 15 to 20 minutes visiting with Papa Bear.

Following the press conference, I was pretty well beat from the long week of work, as we always are on Friday afternoons at the Super Bowl. But with brother Dan catching up on his sleep after he and one of my best buddies had a little bit too much fun the night before, my dad suggested that he and I take a ride out to the track, relax and catch a few races. My memory is screaming Gulfstream, but it was 28 years ago, and it could have been Hialeah.

Settling into my chair at a table in the clubhouse, the first words I heard my dad utter were, "Hello, Lamar." Looking up, I saw him smiling over my left shoulder, and I turned to find, maybe 4 feet away at the next table, Lamar Hunt and his strikingly beautiful wife, Norma. Even though we didn't use the phrase in those days, I know I was thinking something to the effect of, "No way, dude!"

It was a brief encounter, inasmuch as he and his wife were there for the same reason we were, and it wasn't to be bothered by us. But there was one thing I'll never forget: It was Mr. Hunt who pursued the conversation, offering some incredibly kind compliments about the paper and my dad's work and making him promise that if he ever could be of any help, that my dad should not hesitate to call him.

And when my dad introduced me —



Hub Arkush

first as his middle son and secondly as his advertising and newsstand manager — I felt as inferior as is humanly possible and stuttered out some form of, "What an honor it is to meet you, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt." He prolonged our handshake, firmly but warmly, and said, "Hub, please, it's Lamar."

Regrettably, I did not get to know him well. Our visit that afternoon lasted only a few minutes more, and I was indelibly struck by the fact that, after being allowed to worship at the presence of Mr. Halas in the morning, all that seemed to matter to Mr. Hunt was that I would be at ease and made to feel like an equal in our conversation.

Eight weeks later, when my dad died, and the NFL, led by Al Davis, Jim Finks, Ed Garvey, Joe Browne and too many others to name, opened their hearts to us, Mr. Hunt was one of the first to call to tell us once again that he was there for us if we needed his help. And never for a second did we doubt the sincerity of that promise.

We talked maybe four, perhaps half a dozen more times at Super Bowls and various league functions. In spite of the many years that passed before each chance meeting, he never forgot who I was and never really wanted to talk about anything other than how he loved the game, how he admired our work and to offer his help if needed.

As a student of the game, I will tell you he was far more. Lamar Hunt probably had the greatest influence on the NFL of anyone who's ever lived. Had it not been for the AFL, which he basically created even more single-handedly than Halas did the original NFL, and the merger and the golden years that have followed, would football ever have replaced baseball as America's passion? We'll never know.

Unfortunately, we all are a great deal poorer today from Hunt's passing, and on behalf of all of us at Pro Football Weekly, our thoughts, prayers and love go out to his family and the extended Chiefs family.

• Hub Arkush is the publisher of Pro Football Weekly.

—● Bears Insider

Bears check their checklist twice

Division title: Check.

No. 1 seed in the NFC: Check.

Two down, three to go.

A trip to the NFC title game is next on that list, followed by a Super Bowl appearance and a walk to the podium to raise the Lombardi trophy. In the meantime, the Bears would be wise to clear up some of their issues before the second season begins. Getting to Miami is no certainty, despite the weakness of the conference.

What's at stake: With homefield

advantage secured throughout the post-season, there is nothing tangible at stake.

Regardless of the outcome this week and next Sunday, the road to the Super Bowl in the NFC will go through the Windy City. The next two weeks will be a delicate balance between staying sharp and avoiding injury.

Most dangerous Lions player: One bright light shining through an otherwise dismal season has been the play of wide receiver Roy Williams. Williams is second in the NFC in receiving yards and averages more than 16 yards per catch. He is a big explosive receiver who has given smaller cornerbacks trouble this year.

Why the Bears will win: At 2-12, the Lions are tied with the Raiders for the worst record in football. On paper, the Bears are better in every category imaginable.

I said the same thing about the Bucs last week, didn't I? Well, it's true. I expect quarterback Rex Grossman to continue his solid play. Last week against the Bucs, Grossman registered career highs in attempts, completions and passing yards. Most importantly, for the second straight week he avoided the big mistake and took care of the football.

With tight end Desmond Clark back on the radar, Grossman back in rhythm, and the ground game rolling, this

offense is starting to look playoff ready. Pick your poison against the Lions.

On the surface, the Lions are light and soft, and without defensive tackle Shaun Rodgers, they can be attacked head-on. Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson might both rush for 100 yards if the Bears commit to the run. If last week was any indication, Ron Turner still is trying to build the confidence of his young quarterback.

Throwing away from cornerback Dre' Bly is mandatory. Look for the Bears to try the other side, where the Lions' Jamar Fletcher gives up a few inches to both Muhsin Muhammad and Bernard Berrian.

The matchup I want to see most is Clark on rookie outside linebacker Ernie Sims. Clark will use his quickness and veteran savvy to get the best of Sims. Defensively, the Bears should get well defending these Lions.

Why the Lions will win: I have to be careful here. Every time I declare the opponent as hopeless, they come up with a Herculean effort. (See the Cardinals, Dolphins and Bucs as exhibits A through C). The truth is, they have two playmakers — one on offense and one on defense.

Roy Williams finally has developed into the consistent big player receiver the Lions were hoping for. With the recent emergence of wide receiver Mike Williams, the Lions have a pretty good trio of Williams, Williams, and blue collar chain mover WR Mike Furrey. If Kitna is given time, the Lions can move the ball through the air.

On defense, Bly is a young quarterback's worst nightmare. Throw his way and it may end up in your end zone.

Who will win: While Bears coach Lovie Smith has to be happy with how his offense is functioning as the post-season approaches, he also must be concerned with the recent generosity of his defense.

With a No. 1 seed secured, the Bears must balance finishing strong with staying healthy. Not an easy task, but one made easier by this week's opponent.

PREDICTION: Bears 27, Lions 13



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GIRLS BASKETBALL: VERNON HILLS 57, LAKES 20

V. Hills puts Eagles' early scores to rest

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LAKE VILLA - Baby steps, people, baby steps.

With a 57-20 loss at the hands of Vernon Hills, it seems as though Lakes is far away from finally garnering the first girls basketball win in school history.

Despite the end result, Lakes actually started out the game on top as the Eagles hit their first two shots, courtesy of back-to-back baskets from Nora Kenney and Keshia Cunningham for the 4-0 early lead. But it didn't take long for Vernon Hills to answer back. A free throw and a Brianna Skeens long ball later, the Cougars tied the game and never looked back.

Skeens' sharpshooting was key to Vernon Hills' initial charge as she hit two three-pointers in the first quarter. Ever the team player, Skeens credits her team's offensive scheme for her success from beyond the arc.

"We work on three-point drills all the time," Skeens said. "But if it wasn't for all the good ball movement, I wouldn't have those nice looks at the basket."

By the end of the first quarter, Vernon Hills (5-6, 3-2 NSC-Prairie) led by eight. In the second quarter, the lead had grown to 13, the third 24, until the Cougars finally came away with the 37-point victory.

Beyond the scoring, rebounding actually was the biggest difference as the Cougars out-rebounded the Eagles, 11-2, in the fourth quarter.

Scoring came from all sides as Lauren Rucks led the way with 11 points and eight rebounds. Haley Bosco added nine points, Amy Burton had eight points and seven boards, Erin O'Donnell tallied seven

points and Skeens' three balls led to six. But according to coach Paul Brettner, that's just his team's way.

"We're typically fairly steady when it comes to scoring and I think we saw that tonight," Brettner said. "Brianna Skeens came through with those threes early. Rucks was consistent throughout and we had a number of scorers who came out at different times to carry the team."

On Lakes' side, the big story of the night was Cunningham's 10 points - good for half of the Eagles' scoring output. The 6-foot center came through in the first quarter, hitting four of her first five shots, but struggled from the charity stripe, connecting on only 2-of-12 from the line.

"Keshia has been fantastic for us all year," Lakes coach Eric Vichnick said. "She's worked very hard to get where she is. This summer, she was at every workout, every scrimmage; if it was in the weight room or anything, she was there, and it shows."

Even with players such as Cunningham, building a program from scratch is no easy task, but the Eagles have most definitely improved from their inaugural campaign. Last season, Lakes scoring rarely broke into the 20s.

This year, the Eagles average in the high 20s and have scored as many as 45 against St. Joseph.

But getting over that final hump for the program's first win still is the ultimate goal.

"I think we're getting close," Vichnick said. "Have we improved from this time last year? Absolutely. But growth for us is measured in a different way from other teams because we just started this program up two years ago."

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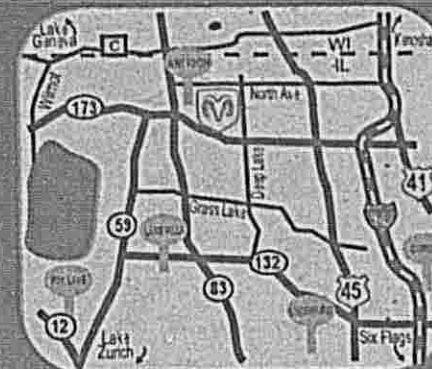
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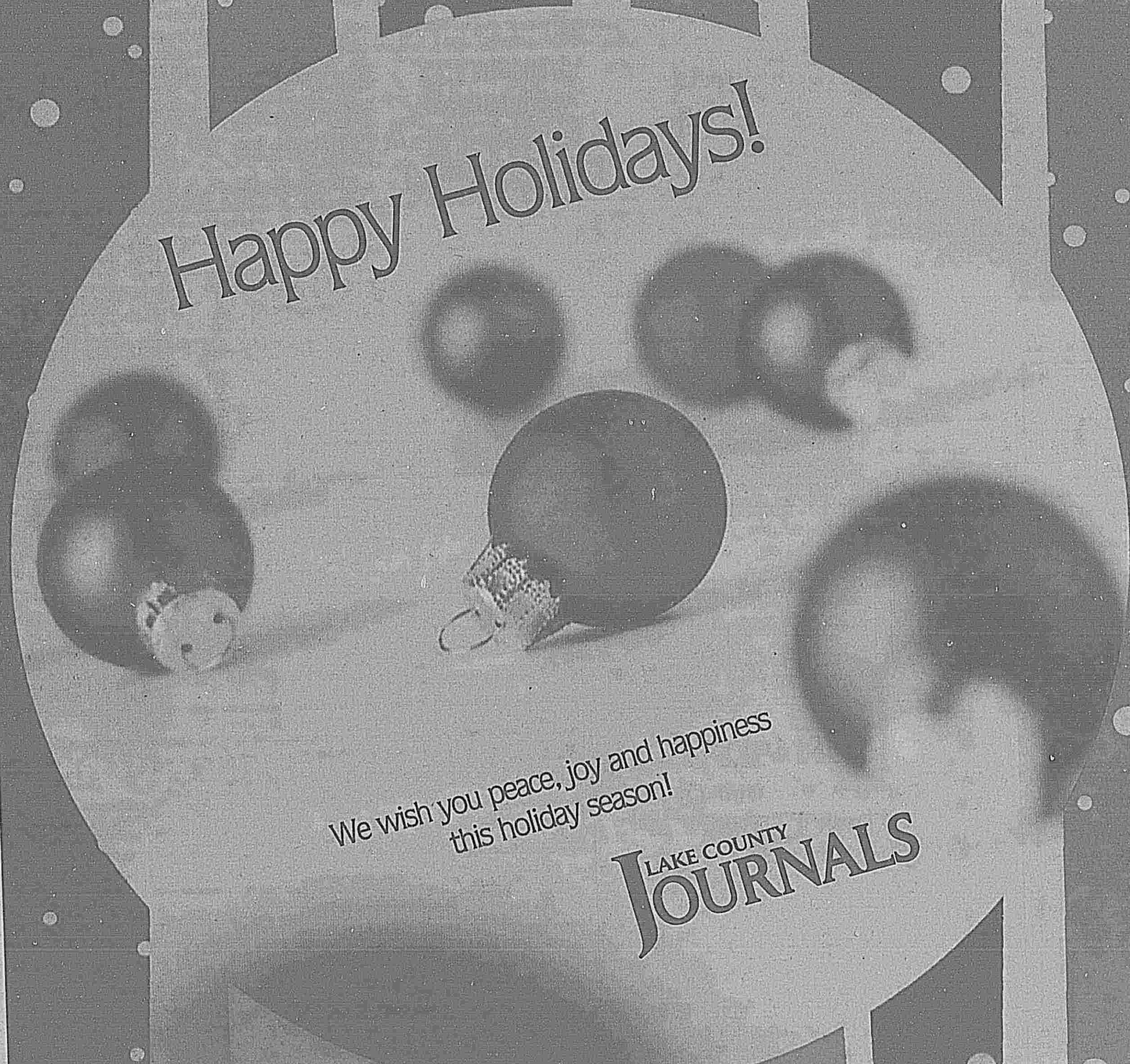
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COUNTY OF LAKE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINETEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY
IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF DAVID B.
LECLAIRE, DECEASED

NO 06 P 1039

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE DEATH OF DAVID B. LECLAIRE of Wauconda, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 27, 2006, to BARRY ELKES, 1130 Hilary Lane, Highland Park, IL 60035, whose attorney is James W. Kaiser, Esq., 121 East Liberty Street, STE 3, Wauconda, IL 60084.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court at 17 N. County Street, Waukegan, IL or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Barry Elkes
Representative

James W. Kaiser
Attorney
(Published in the Wauconda Journal, December 8, 15 & 22, 2006.)

PUBLIC NOTICE**AFFORDABLE SELF
STORAGE**

Affordable Self Storage will dispose of goods for nonpayment of rent from unit #15 belonging to Lisa Bitler consisting of various household goods.

Disposal of the items will take place at Affordable Self Storage 133 S. Rt. 12 Fox Lake, IL on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 10:00 am.
(Published in the Lake County Journals, December 22 & 29, 2006.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 12, 2006 the Corporate Authorities of the Northern Moraine

Legals 8100

Wastewater Reclamation District, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois passed an amendment to Exhibit A or Ordinance 05-1, an Ordinance Establishing Sewer User Service Charges and Providing for the Recovery of Capital Costs from Industrial Users of the Public Sewerage Works in the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District, and said Ordinance amendment having been published in pamphlet form by the Corporate Authorities of the Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District are available at the office of the Wastewater Reclamation District Clerk.

Dorothy J. Bangle
Clerk

Northern Moraine Wastewater Reclamation District (Published in the Lake County Journals, December 22, 2006.)

Assumed Name 8200**PUBLIC NOTICE****ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
Blue Sky Farm
Nature/Purpose:
Horse training, riding instruction.

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
31668 N. River Rd., Libertyville, IL 60045.

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:
Katherine Woodward, P.O. Box 427, Grayslake, IL 60030.

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COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/Katherine Woodward
December 12, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of December, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 17, 2006
Willard R. Hellander
Lake County Clerk
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NAME APPLICATION**

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Nature/Purpose:
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Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
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Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Terry O'Hara, 1398 W. Split Oak Cir., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073, 847-546-5753

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/s/Terry O'Hara
December 18, 2006

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 18th day of December, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Miriam Perez
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 19, 2006
Willard R. Hellander
Lake County Clerk
(Published in the Lake County Journals, December 22, 29, 2006 and January 5th, 2007.)

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Assumed Name 8200**PUBLIC NOTICE****ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION**

Name of Business:
LexiWynn Designs
Nature/Purpose:
Design and manufacture of purses and home interior products such as pillows and small window treatments.

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county:
518 E. Austin, Libertyville, IL 60048.

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Alexa C. Holzwarth, 518 E. Austin, Libertyville, IL 60048; Seth D. Holzwarth, 518 E. Austin, Libertyville, IL 60048.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

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/s/ Alexa C. Holzwarth
/s/ Seth D. Holzwarth
November 29, 2006

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 29th day of November, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Barbara J. Doder
Notary Public
Received: Nov. 17, 2006
Willard R. Hellander
Lake County Clerk
(Published in the Lake County Journals, December 15, 22, 29 2006.)

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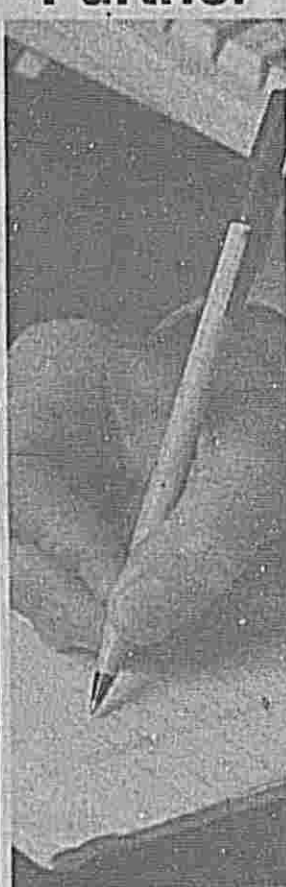
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ROUND LAKE AREA PARK DISTRICT
RECEIPTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

RECEIPT SUMMARY:

PROPERTY TAX 4,118,681; REPLACEMENT TAX 30,341; GRANTS 38,755; CHARGES FOR SERVICES 3,231,090; INTEREST 165,035; MISCELLANEOUS 1,056,287; TOTAL 8,640,189.

DISBURSEMENTS SUMMARY:

"R" HOME CARE SERVICES 4,913; 4 IMPRINT 2,886; A&H LITHOPRINT 2,850; ACE HARDWARE HOME CENTER 18,681; ADOLPH KIEFER & ASSOCIATES 4,980; ALBERTSONS 4,619; ALL TECH LIGHTING INC 35,003; ALVAREZ LANDSCAPING 9,390; AMERICAN EAGLE GYMNASIUMS 20,986; AMES REFRIG-ERATION 3,051; AMMCO ELECTRIC, INC 3,491; ANCEL, GLINK, DIAMOND, BUSH 38,699; ANDERSON PEST CONTROL 2,925; AQUATIC WEED TECHNOLOGY 5,226; ARIZONA MANUFACTURING 7,139; AT&T MIDWEST 6,451; AT&T 4,742; ATD-AMERICAN CO 2,892; ATLAS BOBCAT INC 6,761; AVON TWSP YOUTH BASEBALL 3,480; AZTEC FENCE COMPANY, INC 5,518; BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL 9,048; BLACKHAWK ENER-GY SERVICES 72,709; BOB RIDINGS 37,895; BONESTROO DEVERY & ASSOC 52,749; BURRIS EQUIP-MENT 7,455; CAMOSY, INC 1,275,700; CARY DAIRY 8,983; CATERED PRODUCTIONS 6,509; CDW GOVERN-MENT, INC 6,698; CENCOM 16,243; CHAPMAN & CUTLER 4,000; CHEM RITE PRODUCTS 9,617; CHICAGO DISTRICT 2,995; CHICAGO TITLE 76,245; CIMCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC 28,433; CLASSIC PRINTERY 16,359; CLOWNING AROUND ENTERTAINMENT 6,286; CNADM 2,639; COLE TAYLOR BANK 541,054; COM ED 89,880; CONSERV FS 91,990; CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY 79,023; CORPORATE EXPRESS 7,289; D&B UNIFORMS 3,612; DELL MARKETING LP 5,609; DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY 11,443; DISTINCTIVE SIGN 9,038; EZ GO TEXTRON 3,174; ECS ILLINOIS LLC 3,100; ENCHANTED CASTLE 3,118; EXCEPTION-AL PLUMBING SERVICES 5,497; EXPERIENTIAL SYSTEMS 30,000; EXTREME ENGINEERING 30,322; F&R SUPPLY, INC. 3,009; FIORELLI GRAPHICS 5,181; FIRESIDE INC. 2,523; FOOT-JOY INC 4,606; FOX VALLEY GRAPHICS, INC 5,811; FRIENDS OF THE ROUND LAKE AREA 3,956; GABEL & SCHUBERT 2,838; GAME-TIME INCORPORATED 2,960; GAMEWORKS 3,755; GENERAL PUMP 3,541; GINA FORSBERG 3,216; GRAPHIC 14 INC. 7,187; GRAYSLAKE CARQUEST 2,688; GREEN-UP LANDSCAPE, INC 33,293; GREENFIX GOLF 3,045; GROWER EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY CO 2,608; GULLEY STUDIOS 6,000; HARRIS BANK NA 798,889; HARRIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 65,219; HEPNER BUILDERS 5,995; HERITAGE PRESS INC 4,251; HI LITER GRAPHICS INC 64,868; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES 11,019; HOME JUICE CORP 5,660; HUFFY SPORTS CANADA INC 3,643; IDENTITY SPORTSWEAR 19,692; ILLINOIS ASSN OF PARK DISTRICT 9,655; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 13,088; ILLINOIS PARK & REC ASSN 8,696; ILLI-NOIS SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUBS 42,643; ILLINOIS STATE POLICE BOI 3,710; IMAGETEC L P 18,885; IMPACT NETWORKING 5,539; J W TURF, INC 3,031; J.M. IRRIGATION 43,871; JEFF ELLIS & ASSOC 6,978; JOE MEYER TREE SERVICE 11,300; JUDGE & DOLPH 2,869; JUSTIN BASOVSKY 3,078; K C FITNESS SER-VICE INC 10,798; KLOSS DISTRIBUTING 12,911; KNUITTE & ASSOCIATES P.C. 10,000; KRAFT PAPER SALES CO. 7,358; KRISTOFS ENTERTAINMENT CNTR 2,930; KYOCERA MITA AMERICA 4,587; LAKE COUNTY COLLECTOR 4,786; LAKE COUNTY TREASURER 5,875; LAKELAND MEDIA 6,131; LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS 5,874; LANGUAGE RESOURCES LTD 5,885; LEO J FOX 4,038; LEONARDI'S 12,153; LESCO INCORPORATED 3,541; LIBERTS DANCE FASHIONS 6,013; MAD BOMBER FIREWORKS 17,000; MAD SCIENCE 10,230; MARRIOTT'S THEATER 5,339; MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO 2,721; MONEY MAILER CHAIN O LAKES 3,240; MOORE MEDICAL 2,764; MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC 2,830; NATIONAL CITY BANK 92,948; NATIONAL CITY COMMERCIAL CAP 14,340; NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT TECH 3,044; NEVCO SCOREBOARD COMPANY 9,003; NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS 23,967; NICOR GAS 30,965; NORSTATES BANK 155,950; NORTHERN PRINTING 4,397; NRPA 3,375; NUTOYS LEISURE PRODUCTS 3,855; O'BRIEN-LAND SURVEYING 9,000; HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS 5,251; OLSON TRANSPORTATION 19,084; ORIEN-TAL TRADING CO 3,452; OUTLOOK WINDOWS 3,151; P D R M A 600,302; PAT GULLEY 5,000; PATMAR JAN-ITORIAL SERVICE 8,914; PATTEN INDUSTRIES 7,600; PENDELTON TURF SUPPLY 7,590; PEPSIAMERICAS 9,444; PETTY CASHIER 16,902; PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE 3,664; POOLMART 7,384; POSTMASTER 8,199; PREMIUMWEAR, INC 5,170; PRO AUTOWORKS 3,320; PSC GROUP, LLC 3,313; PULSE DESIGN 3,760; QUALITY CATERING INC 40,735; R.H. DONNELLEY 5,461; R.J. THOMAS MFG. CO., INC. 2,657; RAH EQUIPMENT CO 2,600; RALPH'S GREENHOUSE 2,946; RAM BROADCAST 4,441; RAY CHEVROLET 4,277; REGAL CINEMAS 3,063; REIDESIGNE LANDSCAPE 57,075; REIL CONSTRUCTION 20,457; ROBERT W ROLEK SCHOLARSHIP 4,396; ROSCOE 4,249; ROUND LAKE AREA SCHOOLS 13,371; ROUND LAKE DEVELOPMENT LLC 86,532; ROUND LAKE POSTMASTER 15,406; SAM'S CLUB DIRECT 4,121; SCORE-CARDS, U.S.A. 2,888; SENTE/RUBEL 85,704; SIGN CENTRAL 17,004; SODEXHO INC. 34,119; SPECIAL RECREATION SERVICES 404,737; SPECIALTY FLOORS, INC 3,381; SPORT SUPPLY GROUP INC 3,591; SPORTS R US 25,992; STAPLES 6,589; SYSCO FOOD SERVICES 48,744; T & P SC 2,959; TDS METROCOM 4,312; THE BRICKMAN GROUP, LTD 22,947; THE FITNESS CONNECTION 8,961; THE MILK PAIL PRODUC-TION/GROUP 2,549; THE SWEET TOOTH COMPANY 2,750; THOR GUARD, INC 10,938; TITLEIST 14,167; TONYAL BROS INC 3,672; TOUR EDGE GOLF MFG 4,637; TWO LEFT FEET DANCE CLUBS 2,621; U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 13,300; VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE 21,377; VILLAGE OF ROUND LAKE BEACH 5,471; WAL MART 20,183; WASTE MANAGEMENT 26,457; WAUKEGAN SAFE & LOCK LTD 4,051; WEND DAVIS 3,599; WILSON NURSERIES, INC 2,914; XYLEM, LTD 10,376; YOUNG REMBRANDTS 6,042; EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS UNDER 2,500.00 454,175; TOTAL 6,770,686.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

UNDER \$25,000: ACUTT, DIANE; ADZIC, BOJAN; ALARCON, DAVID; ALDADO, CARMEN; ALVAREZ, APRIL; AMANN, CASSANDRA; ANCHOR, NICHOLAS; ASEVES, JENNIFER; AURELUS, JEFF; AYERS-BERSCH, JEANETTA; AZZANO, ALYSSA; AZZANO, VINCENT; BACZYNSKI, AARON; BACZYNSKI, DANIELLE; BAILEY, AMY; BALBUENA, NATALIO; BALLINGER, MICHAEL; BARRAGAN, MARTHA; BARTKO, CAROLINE; BASICA, MICHAEL; BATTISTONE JR, WILLIAM; BAUER, CHRISTINA; BEAKE, LAUREN; BEAR-ER, KATHLEEN; BEAUDION, ULYSSES; BEMIS, CASEY; BERGIN, JILLIAN; BERMUDEZ, JUAN; BERRY, PATRICIA; BEYER, JAMES; BLAKE, MURRAY; BOILESEN, TIFFANY; BORGHGRAEF, JEANNINE; BOWSER, ERIC; BOWSER, LINDA; BREYER, KRISTEN; BRINGER, CAROL; BRONKEN, CHRISTINE; BRUBAKER, LORI; BUCHENBERGER, JOSHUA; BURNETT, ASHLEY; BURNETT, REBECCA; BURNETT, RONALD; BUT-LER, KEVIN; BUTLER, MYRANDA; BUTLER, SUSAN; CAMPOS, HENRY; CANCELO, MANUEL; CARDINAL, MARINA; CARLSON, VICKI; CARTER, AMANDA; CASE, BRITTANY; CASE, COREY; CASTANEDA, CRISTIN; CASTANEDA, ERIN; CATULLO, KATRINA; CHIREMPES, KRISTI; CIOLLI, KATHLEEN; CLOSTERMERY, EMILIE; COBY, MELISSA; CONGIUSTI, REGINA; COOK, DAWN; COOK, MAUREEN; COOK, TRAVIS; CORDOVA, BERENISE; CORTES, PATRICIA; CRAMER, HEATHER; CRAMER, TAMARA; CRECCHIO, CHRISTOPHER; CUNNINGHAM, SHANNON; DAILY, MIRANDA; DAMORE, JESSICA; DAVIS, MOLLY; DAVIS, PRECIOUS; DAY-MENT, SUSAN; DEFIOR, MATTHEW; DENBOW, LINDA; DENECKE, PAUL; DENOTTER, MICHELE; DIAZ, CARLOS; DIAZ, JESUS; DIAZ, JOSE; DIBBERN, TRACEY; DISCH, ERIK; DISCH, JEANMARIE; DIVOKY, MAR-ILYN; DOBRZENSKI, TAMI; DOHR, TOREY; DOLL, DANIELLE; DOLL, KELLI; DOUGLAS, GARRETT; DOVEL, DENNIS; DOWNEY, JENNIFER; DOYLE, BETH; DRUSHININ, DAVID; DUBINSKI, KIM; DUBINSKY, VLADIMIR; DULIAN, JACQUELINE; DUSSMANN, AMY; EDELSTEIN, LAURA; EVINS, HOLLY; FAINMAN, LEE; FELDMAN, JORDAN; FELIPE, CAROL; FELIPE, MARIO; FENZEL, KURT; FERNANDES, MELISSA; FIANDALO, MARIAH; FINLAYSON, JEFFREY; FISCHER, NICHOLAS; FLADER, CHARLOTTE; FLORAL, CYNTHIA; FORD, SAMAN-THA; FRANKLIN, ROBERT; FREEMAN, JILL; FREMAUX, AMBER; GABIGA, MICHAEL; GALLAGHER, TIMO-THY; GARDNER, F; GENTES, DENISE; GERSICH, SUZANNE; GIANNOSA JR, FRANK; GIERKE, JESSICA; GIL, JOSE; GILSON, MELVYN; GIOVENCO, SAMANTHA; GLITHERO, TAMI; GOCEK, MELISSA; GOERS, KATHRYN; GOLDEN, STACY; GOLTRY, COLIN; GOLTRY, LAURA; GONZALEZ, STEPHANIE; GOSHGARIAN, ANDREW; GOSHGARIAN, GERARD; GOSHGARIAN, LAURA; GOSSELL, BRITTANY; GRANT, ANDREA; GRANT, JOHN; GREENHILL, BRANDEE; GREENHILL, DARLENE; GRISHAM, KAREN; GROSVENOR, KEN; GUNDERSON, ALEXANDER; GUTIERREZ, DANIEL; GUZMAN, ENRIQUE; HAMMETT, ZACHARY; HANRA-HAN, SEAN; HANSEN, LARRY; HANSEN, ROBERT; HAPP, LAWRENCE; HARMER, AMANDA; HAUTER, DEB-ORAH; HAVRILAK, EREN; HENRIKSEN, AMY; HENSLEY, CHRISTINE; HERNANDEZ, DANIELA; HILL, LES-LEY; HINKLE, ELIZABETH; HISEL, STEF; HOLDEN, DARIUS; HOLLAND, EMMA; HUBER, LISA; HUHN-STOCK, JEFFREY; HUMPHREY, DAVID; HUNSINGER, MAGGIE; INGRISH, DAVID; JACOBSEN, KRISTEN;

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\$50,000 TO \$74,999 BEMIS, SANDRA; DOHR, MARGARET; HAUSER, CARL; KALODIMOS, KEITH KOCH, SHERYL; MILLER, DIANE; NEITZKE, KEITH; NEWPORT, ROBERT;

\$75,000 AND OVER NEHILA, JEFFREY

PAYROL TOTAL \$3,373,282

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
(Excerpt from Annual Financial Report)

	GENERAL	REVENUE	SPECIAL SERVICE	DEBT PROJECT	CAPITAL ENTERPRISE
Beginning Fund Balance	409,067	2,009,526	416,021	1,388,715	0
Revenues	896,253	6,420,582	838,878	484,476	0
Expenditures/Expense	855,517	6,375,153	90,379	2,484,818	0
Other Financing Source	108,000	0	0	749,865	0
Uses	0	108,000	749,865	0	0
Proceeds of Bonds and Other Debt	0	183,405	0	522,595	0
Ending Fund Balance	557,803	2,130,360	414,655	660,833	0

I, James Shook, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state that I am Treasurer of the Round Lake Area Park District and that the foregoing statement as to said District is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006

vs/ James Shook
James Shook (Treasurer)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of December 2006.

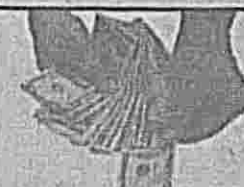
vs/ Carl Hauser
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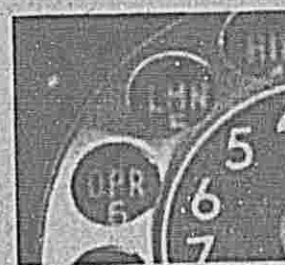


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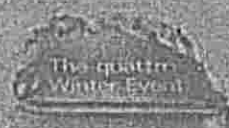


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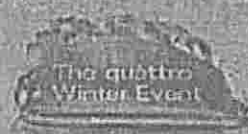
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